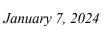
Zion & St. James Lutheran Churches of Martin County, Minnesota



## Pastor John Henry

## The Baptism of our Lord





## 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 to worship, dear family of God. As we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, may God enlighten us all.

**Opening Hymn** 

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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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.
- 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.

## **Entrance Psalm**

from Isaiah 42



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

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:

 $\mathbf{P}$  ...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.

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.

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

<sup>1</sup>Behold 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. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup>Thus 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, <sup>7</sup>to 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** 

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."

Psalm 2

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I will tell of | the decree:*

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

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

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

10 Now 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.
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Second Lesson Ephesians 1:2–14

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

<sup>11</sup>In 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, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In 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, <sup>14</sup>who 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.

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 3:13–17* 

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And 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 him; <sup>17</sup>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

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Sermon

**Nicene Creed** 

inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

**Offering** 

**Installation of 2024 Officers** 

Offertory for Epiphany

LSB pg. 537

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

• 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**

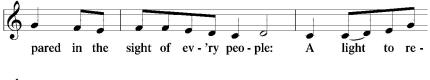
Salvation unto Us Has Come 555
Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying 597
All Who Believe and Are Baptized 601



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-









as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Thanksgiving & Benediction

- Let us pray... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen
- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.
- Let us bless 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.
- 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, & the Calling Committee
All Schools and places of learning

## St James

Baptism Birthdays: Lori Schock, Lynn Becker, Sonia Hoewisch Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop Homebound: Carl Luhmann

## Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Chuck Patsche, Curt Wille, Linnette Fehr, Addison Schoen

Seminary Student: Peter Preus

Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,

Jesse Peterson, Lili Bulfer

Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger,

Marsha Peterson

Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche,

Violet Lueth, Yonsey Karasek

## **Installation of newly elected church officers:**

**SJL:** Treasurer: Jennifer Luhmann, Stewardship: Dru Egeness **ZION:** Secretary: Stephanie Zellmer



## 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.

**The ZION LWML ladies will be serving a meal** at 6:30 before the 7:30 Annual Voter's Meeting. The menu will include Minestrone Soup, Beef Stew, Chili, Crackers, Ham Sandwiches, Banana Bars, Scotcheroos and Cookies.

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 & Sharon Leimer are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast this week giving Glory to God for the birth of grandson, Jordan Alan Leimer, to Joe & Jill on December 28th. Congratulations to the Leimer family.



- Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Can**celled your landline?** Please contact the office with your updated contact information.
- **Annual Reports** for Zion are available on the back table in the narthex. SJL reports will be available next Sunday. Please bring to the Annual Voter's Meeting. Thank you!
- 2024 Contribution Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please throw away the 2023 envelopes.

**Thank you** to the anonymous individual(s) who made new children's church bags at Zion. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

**Zion LWML meeting** will start at **3:30** on Wednesday January 10th. All women are invited to hear our guest speaker, Cheri Frank from Healing Hearts Housing in Sherburn, MN.

Lasagna Potluck at Zion after church on Sunday, January 21st. Please bring lasagna, garlic bread, or lettuce salad. Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided.



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 -WEATHERALERT Northrop or Zion/Fraser Lutheran - Fairmont.

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.



Super Bowl Pizzas are back! Contact any LYF member or turn in your order form to the church office before Sunday January 14th.



# 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.

"What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father's Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!" Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org





## **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.



## Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

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 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"As We Forgive" Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness--what it is and what it isn't. (Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

| Those Serving our Lord |      |                              |                |  |  |  |
|------------------------|------|------------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
|                        |      | Greeters                     | Acolyte        |  |  |  |
| SJL                    | 1-7  | Kevin & Sherri Roforth       |                |  |  |  |
|                        | 1-14 | Heather Wiederhoeft & Jordan | Hailey Simpson |  |  |  |
| ZION                   | 1-7  | Gary & Connie Peymann        | Gavin Schoen   |  |  |  |
|                        | 1-14 | Brandon & Marissa Poppe      | James Steuber  |  |  |  |

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Jan 7-14, 2024 **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon **Office phone:** 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604 Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com Sunday **Installation of Officers** Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM NFL (SJ) 7:00 PM Chapel Tuesday (SJ) 8:40 AM Wednesday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM **LWML** (Z) 3:30 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 Annual Voter's Meeting (Z) 7:30 PM Thursday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM Morning Bible Study Friday (SJ) 8:00 AM Divine Worship Sunday (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM

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.

| Reflecting  | Dec 31, 2023 |               |            |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Attendance  | 80 (HC 61)   |               |            |
| Loose Plate | \$56.00      | Home          | \$3,717.20 |
| MLHS        | \$500.00     | Missions      | \$875.00   |
| SJLS        | \$50.00      | Christmas Day | \$285.00   |

| Reflecting ou     | Dec 31, 2023 |          |            |
|-------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| Attendance        | 81 (HC 64)   |          |            |
| Loose Plate       | \$108.00     | Home     | \$3,670.00 |
| Online            | \$408.25     | Missions | \$110.00   |
| CE Birthday gifts | \$79.00      | MLHS     | \$125.00   |