

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



Pastor John Henry

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024



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.
May God's love be made known to you
during your time shared here today.*

Zion Opening Hymn *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* **660**

Invocation, Confession & Absolution *Zion only*

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.

SJL Opening Hymn *All Who Believe and Are Baptized* **601**

Holy Baptism of Jordan Alan Leimer (SJ Only) *LSB pp. 268-271*

Entrance Psalm *Psalm 16:2–3*



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

³*As 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 *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.***

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.

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 Is-
rael.

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.”

⁹*Hide 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!*
¹⁰*For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,*
but the LORD will | take me in.*

¹¹*Teach me your way, | O LORD,*
and lead me on a level path
because of my | enemies.*
¹²*Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out | violence.*

¹³*I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD*
in the land of the | living!*
¹⁴*Wait | 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.**

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

Sermon

The Prayers

Offertory for Epiphany LSB pg. 537

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

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

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The Consecration

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB pg. 163

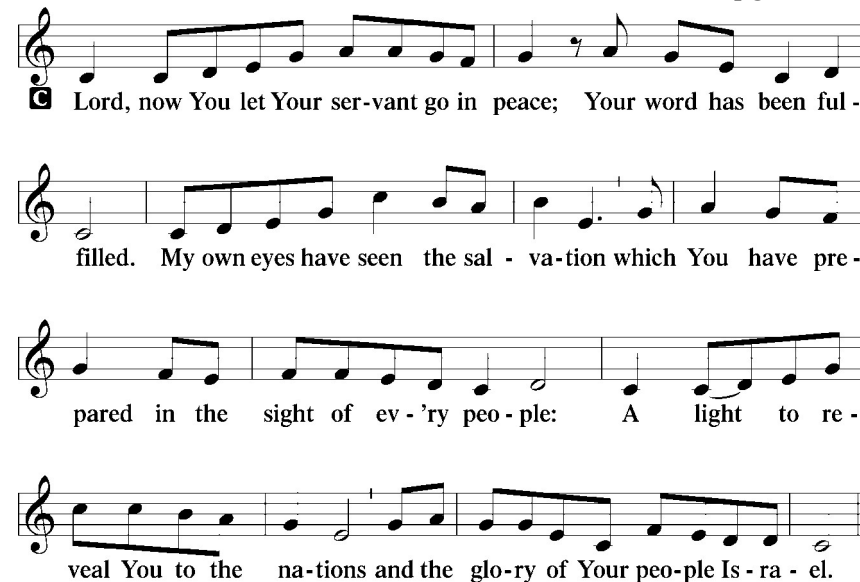
C *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns

<i>Your Table I Approach</i>	628
<i>Chief of Sinners Though I Be</i>	611
<i>Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come</i>	350

Nunc Dimittis

LSB pg. 165

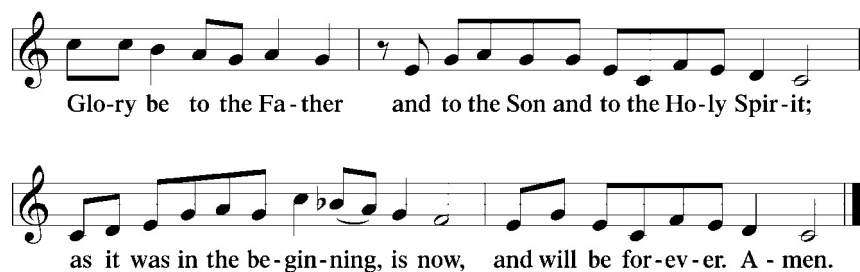


C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

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

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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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 sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com.** Contact the office if you have questions.



Today at SJL we welcome to the family of God, Jordan Alan Leimer. His parents are Josef & Jill Leimer. Jordan's sponsors are Randon & Katie Johnson, Paul & Krista Honermann. May God continue to bless Jordan and his family.

In thankfulness to God for the baptism of Jordan Alan Leimer, Joe & Jill are sponsoring the **Bulletins & Broadcast**, and **Flowers** have been placed on the alter at SJL by grandparents: Paul & Sharon Leimer, Randy & Karen Homermann.

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: Ashley Burkey, Michaelah Petrowiak, Linda Becker, Cale Steuber

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

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Carson Glidden, Keenan Poppe

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, Norma Patsche, Violet Lueth, Yonsey Karasek

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We celebrate with Tyler Moulton & Hannah Odegaard who affirmed their faith through adult confirmation at a private service at Zion on January 21st. Hannah is the fiancé of Jared Flohrs and Tyler is the fiancé of Mercedes Moeller; both couples will be married later this year.

SJL Eve Circle would like the names and addresses of our college students for our yearly recognition project. You may give this information to Cindi Tomlinson or to Heather at the church office by Monday, February 19th.



Zion-Fraser LWML is sponsoring a craft/bake sale after church on the 11th of February. The LWML continues to serve the Lord with gladness as we support the mission: "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."

A Guide for Daily Devotions

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, use this bulletin for daily devotions. One these days, pray the Collect of the Day each day, and reread the Lessons as follows: Monday, First Lesson; Tuesday, Second Lesson; Wednesday, Gospel Lesson. You may also want to pray or sing one of the hymns from the previous Sunday.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, follow this plan to prepare for the coming Sunday.

Each day, pray:

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully fore-showed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


On Thursday, read *Genesis 1:1-2:3*

On Friday, read *2 Peter 1:16-21*

On Saturday, read *Luke 9:18-36*

You may also want to pray or sing the Hymn of the Day for the coming Sunday:

Hymn: 672 Jerusalem the Golden

 **AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) is our mission for our Ash Wednesday offerings.** “At AbleLight, we believe the world shines brighter when people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential. Join us in our mission to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live the best life possible.”

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	2-4	Mike & Heidi Steuber	_____
	2-11	Tom & Jean Schultz	_____
ZION	2-4	Ron Sandersfeld	Gavin Schoen
	2-11	Mayson & Monica Sands	James Steuber



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.

The Class of 2026 will be holding a Waffle Feed at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, February 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is a free will donation to help with their Senior Class Trip.

All 5th and 6th Grade Students are invited to Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School for a fun day of brain busting, pizza lunch and a talent show on Friday, February 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To RSVP please call 507-436-5249.

Early bird enrollment discounts are in effect until March 1 for new students enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. New families are invited to a **Getting to Know U KNIGHT** hosted by the Class of 2027 on Thursday, February 29th at 6:00 p.m. Students will give tours, a light supper will be served, and new families will have a signing opportunity with the MLHS Team. All students are welcome to enroll at MLHS. Interested families may call 507-436-5249 to set up a visit. www.martinlutherhs.com.



St James Lutheran School Accreditation Team visit was this past week. SJLS is responsible for covering the costs of the team members transportation, meals, lodging and classroom substitutes. SJL Board of Christian Education is asking for donations towards these expenses. Donations can be placed in the offering plate (clearly marked for accreditation), given to Pastor Henry, Paul Tomlinson or Kelsey Murphy. **Thank you!**

LYF-Youth Group



Super Bowl Pizza Pickup Saturday February 10th.

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.



SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

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. The adult Sunday morning Bible class is learning about the apostle Paul's ministry in Philippi and Thessaloniki. These are places we will most likely never visit, and even if we did, would we know what to look for, to understand how God built a foundation for his church? We visit these sites and many others, led by renowned Bible historian Ray Vander Laan, through the video series "That the World May Know" from Focus on the Family. Each lesson gives us a better understanding of God's plan to restore the family he paid such a high price to redeem. The lessons are truly enlightening and don't require any previous lessons to understand. Bring your coffee and join us. We wrap up at 10:30.

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



Issues, Etc.

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

- Feb 4** Your Unanswered Bible Questions - Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller and Pastor Brian Kachelmeier
- 11** The Ash Wednesday Hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" - Dr. Arthur Just
- 18** Evangelicalism and Culture - Aaron Renn
- 25** Responding to Listener Email and The Issues, Etc Comment Line
A New Study on the Mental Health of Women Pressured into Abortion - Dr. David Reardon



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Nature Abhors a Vacuum" What fills the heart that has no room to forgive?
(Ephesians 4:32)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Feb 4-11, 2024
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon
Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604
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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 (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Jt Elders Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
	Zion Trustees Meeting	(Z) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Saturday	LYF Pizza Day	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	Zion LWML Craft/Bake Sale	(Z) 11:00 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; sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com, or through the tithe.ly church app.



SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Jan 28, 2024
Attendance	92 (HC 68)	Home	\$1,995.00
Loose Plate	\$14.50	Missions	\$100.00
MLHS	\$700.00	SJLS	\$50.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Jan 28, 2024
Attendance	122 (HC 77)	Home	\$8,705.37
Loose Plate	\$281.00	Missions	\$225.00
Online	\$368.97	Accreditation	\$170.00
Tuition	\$1,500.00	SJL Misc	\$157.50
MLHS	\$50.00	Bulletins/Broadcast	\$100.00