

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



*Pastor John Henry*



## **The Baptism of Our Lord**

*January 12, 2025*

### **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 you experience the love of Jesus  
in the midst of our congregation.*

**Opening Hymn**     *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*                     **594**

### **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

Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20



*Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come, \**  
*and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.*  
*I have found David, my | servant; \**  
*with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.*

*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 also with you.

**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:  
<sup>6</sup>“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**

*Psalm 2*



<sup>1</sup>*Why do the | nations rage\*  
 and the peoples | plot in vain?*  
<sup>2</sup>*The kings of the earth set themselves,  
 and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,\*  
 against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,*  
<sup>3</sup>*“Let us burst their | bonds apart\*  
 and cast away their | cords from us.”*  
<sup>4</sup>*He who sits in the | heavens laughs;\*  
 the Lord holds them in de- | rision.*  
<sup>5</sup>*Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,\*  
 and terrify them in his fury, | saying,*

<sup>6</sup>“As for me, I have | set my King\*  
**on Zion, my | holy hill.”**  
<sup>7</sup>I will tell of | the decree.\*  
**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have be- | gotten you.**  
<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
**and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**  
<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

<sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
**be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**  
<sup>11</sup>Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
**and rejoice with | trembling.**  
<sup>12</sup>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.**

## Second Lesson

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**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

*Matthew 3:13–17*

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

**G** **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.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn**    *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*                    **395**

## Sermon

**Renewal of the Baptism & Confirmation Promises** *LSB pp. 272-273*

## The Prayers

## Offering

## Offertory for Epiphany

*LSB pg. 537*

**G**    *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.*

**G**    *And also with you.*

**P**    *Lift up your hearts.*

**G**    *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** *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*

- 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>Salvation unto Us Has Come</i>	<b>555</b>
<i>Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered</i>	<b>404</b>
<i>Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying</i>	<b>597</b>

**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB pg. 165*

- C** *Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
 My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
 A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**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 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**      *As with Gladness Men of Old*      **397**

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**Tom & Heidi Koeritz** are sponsoring bulletins and broadcast for the month of January in thankfulness for each new day.



**ANNUAL CHURCH VOTER'S MEETING**  
**SJL: Jan 15th @ 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.

**Large Print Hymnals** are available at SJL on the right side of the bulletin boxes, and at ZION on the back table by the communion cards.

**Large print bulletins** are also available by contacting the office.

**College students** please submit your addresses to the office by January 31st. Thank you.



**Super Bowl Pizza Time!** Contact any LYF member or turn in your order form to the church office before **Wednesday January 22nd.**

**The windows in the parsonage need to be replaced.** Donations toward the parsonage windows are welcome at this time and going forward, as the cost will be approximately \$42,000 with up to 50% required up front. Thank you.



**Pancake Breakfast to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week.** Please join us after church at SJL on Sunday January 26th (10-Noon) for Pancakes (Gluten-free available), sausage, applesauce & beverages. Free-will donations will support curriculum needs.

Lutheran Schools in Martin County  
St James Lutheran School, Martin Luther High School  
All Schools and places of learning



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Sherri Roforth, Jada Mahoney, Donovan Bremer,  
Jameson Leimer

*Serving our Country:* Sean McCroskey

*Sick & In Distress:* Rochelle Franzen, Tom Koeritz, Myla Roskop,  
Bryce Grefe, Jeff Roskop, Webb Quade, Ronald Schultz,  
Dennis Hagen

*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Kevin Prafke, Brandon Steuber, Liam Fritz, Brad Wallace

*Seminary Student:* Timothy Schleusener

*Serving our Country:* Ben Peymann, Kory Brown, Jesse Peterson,  
Lili Bulfer

*Sick & In Distress:* Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger,  
Marsha Peterson, Mike Sandersfeld

*Homebound:* Norma Patsche, Violet Lueth, Yonsey Karasek, David Hinz

Are you in need of help with meals? **St James Lutheran Stewardship Committee Meal-train** is 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, or are willing to help by furnishing a meal for a meal-train family when it works with your schedule, please let Jody know.



- **Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Cancelled your landline?** Please contact the office with your updated contact information.
- **2025 Contribution Envelopes and 2024 Annual Reports** are available in the Narthex.

“From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13), God’s began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



### 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:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**On Thursday, read**     *Amos 9:11-15*

**On Friday, read**     *Colossians 1:13-22*

**On Saturday, read**   *John 2:1-11*

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

**Hymn: 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**



**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.**

*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; [sjlnorthop.com](http://sjlnorthop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com), or through the [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) church app.*



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

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School PTL is hosting a information seminar "**Gen Z Mental Health Strategies for Parents, Adults and the Gen Z'er**" lead by Kathleen von Kampen, MA, LMFT, LMHP, DCE Gracepoint Ministries Therapist & Professor of Psychology at Concordia University NE on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Babysitting will be provided with prior reservation by calling 507-436-5249 by January 10th.

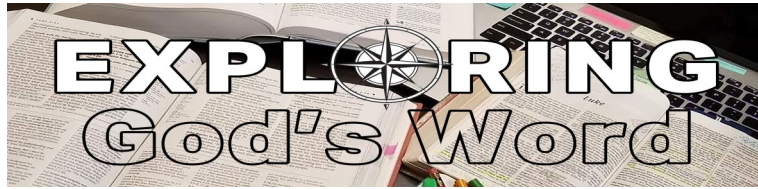
The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Student Body and Staff will be attending the **March for Life at the Minnesota State Capitol** on Wednesday, January 22nd. Buses will leave at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 4:00 p.m. We will attend the worship service at the Cathedral of St. Paul and then march to the state capitol. Limited seating is available for those who would like to join us. Please call MLHS at 507-436-5249 before January 15 to reserve a spot. Bring a sack lunch.

All families are invited to a **Family Winter Carnival** sponsored by the Student Council and National Honor Society students of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, January 26th from 1-3 p.m. in the gym. There will be a Bouncy House, lots of inside games, prizes, snacks and a parents' lounge. Cost is \$5/child or \$15/family (parents are free.)

The Parent/Teacher League of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop is sponsoring a history presentation entitled "**The Great Northfield Bank Raid--Minnesotans Foil the James/Younger Gang**" by historian Arn Kind on Tuesday, January 28. Presentations are grades 5-8 at 9:00-11:15 a.m. and grades 9-12 at noon-1:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Give while you shop! You can support the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Ministry by purchasing **HyVee or KWIK Trip Gift Cards** from the school office. Just give us a call at 507-436-5249 and we can have them ready for you. MLHS receives a portion of every card used---at no cost to you!

**Recycle your wireless phones, PDAs, iPods and printer ink cartridges (no toner).** A dropbox is available in the SJL Fellowship Hall next to the greeting card rack. Or you may drop them off at MLHS.



**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, Sanctuary. Bring your coffee and join us as we use the “That the World May Know” video series to discover how God guides His people to a specific place to impact the world, both in ancient times and today.

**Thursday Adult Bible Class** at 7pm in the church basement at Zion

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



**Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am**

- 1/12 What Is Your Favorite Epiphany Hymn and Why?
- 1/19 Christians In A Hostile Culture - Aaron Renn
- 1/26 Encore Christianity in a Positive Neutral and Negative World - Aaron Renn



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY**

**Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am**

**Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

**"What's This Neighborhood Coming To?"** When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone. (John 1:14)

<b>Those Serving our Lord</b>		
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
<b>SJL 1-12</b>	Greg & Lori Schock	Alex Egeness
<b>1-19</b>	Jason & Jackie Schuder	Kimi Hansen
<b>ZION 1-12</b>	Brandon Steuber Family	Alex Pittman
<b>1-19</b>	Kurt & Pat Steuber	Brooklynn Pittman
<b>SJL Ushers:</b> Greg Schock, Jordan Luhmann, Jeff & Joey Crissinger		
<b>Elders:</b> Lon (Z), Jason (SJ) <b>SJL AG:</b> Linda Becker, Dru Egeness		

<b>THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:</b>		<b>Jan 12-19, 2025</b>
<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon</b>		
<b>Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604</b>		
<b>Email: <a href="mailto:sjlnorthrop@gmail.com">sjlnorthrop@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://sjlnorthrop.com">sjlnorthrop.com</a> or <a href="http://zionfraser.com">zionfraser.com</a></b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM</b>
	Sunday School/Bible Class	<b>(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM</b>
	NFL	<b>(SJ) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	<b>(SJ) 4:00 PM</b>
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	<b>(SJ) 5:00 PM</b>
	SJL Annual Meeting	<b>(SJ) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
	Adult Bible Class	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	<b>(SJ) 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM</b>
	Sunday School/Bible Class	<b>(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM</b>



<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion</b>			<b>Jan 5, 2025</b>
Attendance	93 (HC 64)	Home	\$2,625.20
Loose Plate	\$138.50	Missions	\$225.00
Windows	\$300.00	SJL School	\$50.00
MLHS	\$800.00	SPL	\$65.00
Epiphany (ML)	\$393.00	Epiphany (LYF)	\$266.00
<b>Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$24,970.00</b>			

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – St James</b>			<b>Jan 5, 2025</b>
Attendance	91 (HC 67)	Home	\$3,110.00
Loose Plate	\$132.00	Missions	\$15
Online	\$656.80	SJLS	\$1,908.79
Bulletins	\$140.00	Tuition	\$4,100.00
Memorials	\$1,425.00	MLHS	\$300.00
Cemetery	\$631.44	Christmas Eve	\$100.00
New Years	\$480.00		
<b>Average Monthly Fixed Expenses: \$47,046.00</b>			
<b>January Totals: Given \$10,147.59 Shortage (\$36,898.41)</b>			