

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



Pastor John Henry



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 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.*

*Psalm 36 declares God's love to be steadfast,
precious and a place of refuge.*

Welcome, friends.

In God, you are loved and safe.

Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star* **872**

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.

First Lesson

Amos 9:11–15

¹¹“In that day I will raise up
the booth of David that is fallen
and repair its breaches,
and raise up its ruins
and rebuild it as in the days of old,
¹²that they may possess the remnant of Edom
and all the nations who are called by my name,”
declares the LORD who does this.
¹³“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.
¹⁴I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.
¹⁵I will plant them on their land,
and they shall never again be uprooted
out of the land that I have given them,”
says the LORD your God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 104:1–2, 14–15, 27–30



¹*Bless the LORD, | O my soul!**
O LORD my God, you are | very great!
*You are clothed with splendor and | majesty,**
²***covering yourself with light as with a garment,***
stretching out the heavens | like a tent.

¹⁴*You cause the grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for man to | cultivate,**
that he may bring forth food from the earth
¹⁵***and wine to gladden the | heart of man,***
*oil to make his | face shine**
and bread to strengthen | man’s heart.

²⁷*These all | look to you,**
to give them their food in due | season.

²⁸When you give it to them, they gather it up; *
when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.
²⁹When you hide your face, they | are dismayed; *
**when you take away their breath, they die
and return | to their dust.**
³⁰When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated, *
and you renew the face | of the ground.

Second Lesson

Colossians 1:13–22

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

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 2:1–11

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

C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise to You, O Christ.*

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

Sermon

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

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Epiphany *LSB pg. 537*

C *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 also with you.*

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

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>O Lord, We Praise Thee</i>	617
<i>How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds</i>	524
<i>Lamb of God</i>	550

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

I Know My Faith Is Founded

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A Guide for Daily Devotions

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, use this bulletin for daily devotions. On 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, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

On Friday, read

Romans 16:8-13

On Saturday, read

John 4:46-54

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

Hymn: 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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

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 Pizzas!



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

Pizzas will be made Saturday Feb 8th NOT 7th as listed on the order forms.

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Dana Lensert, Mike Egeness, Cindi Tomlinson

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: Tyler Moulton, Mercedes Moulton

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

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.

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.

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**.



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

“No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever.” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

GROCERY RECEIPTS FOR ST JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Keep receipts coming in, it's an easy fundraiser!

Collection boxes are available at each church or in the office.

HY-VEE: \$ 156,000 FAREWAY: \$110,000

HyVee receipts can be grocery, gas, or pharmacy

All receipts must be from the Fairmont locations, but they DO NOT expire.

Thank you for your ongoing participation.

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



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

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.

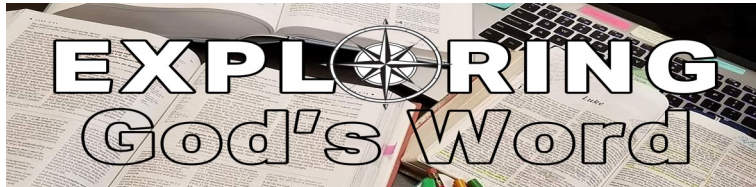
The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Class of 2025 is having a **Mac 'N Cheese Cook-off on Friday, January 24** from 5-7 p.m. during the JAGS home game. Bring you best recipe to win prizes. To enter the contest go to [www.martinlutherhs.com/Special Events](http://www.martinlutherhs.com/Special%20Events). Deadline is January 17th. Everyone is invited to sample and vote for their favorite. Cost is \$7. Proceeds will help fund the Senior Class Trip to Nashville.

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.

In celebration of Lutheran Schools Week January 26-February 1st, Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School will be offering **early bird enrollment discounts for new and returning students for the 2025-2026 school year**. Interested families are invited to visit the school at any time. Go to www.martinlutherhs.com for more information or call 507-436-5249 to speak with Principal David Stuckwisch.

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!



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

 **Issues, Etc.**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

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

"He Made Me a Believer" God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made--church, marriage, family, and work. (John 2:11)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 1-19	Jason & Jackie Schuder	Kimi Hansen
1-26	Tom & Jean Schultz	Oakley Bohlsen
ZION 1-19	Kurt & Pat Steuber	Brooklynn Pittman
1-26	Dylan & Kristeena Thisius	Gavin Schoen
SJL Ushers: Greg Schock, Jordan Luhmann, Jeff & Joey Crissinger		
Elders: Lon (Z), Jason (SJ) SJL AG: Linda Becker, Dru Egeness		

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:		Jan 19-26, 2025
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon		
Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604		
Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com		
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
Tuesday	February Newsletter Deadline	
	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
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Adult Bible Class	(Z) 7:00 PM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	National Lutheran Schools Week	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	Pancake Breakfast	(SJ) 9:45 AM– Noon
	Winter Carnival @ MLHS	1:00 - 3:00 PM



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Jan 12, 2025
Attendance	107 (HC 65)	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
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$24,970.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Jan 12, 2025
Attendance	81 (HC 70)	Home	\$7,533.00
Loose Plate	\$114.00	Missions	\$35.00
Online	\$1,598.25	SJLS	\$3,171.55
Bulletins	\$140.00	Tuition Angel	\$500.00
Memorials	\$525.00	Epiphany (ML)	\$60.00
Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00			
Giving to date: \$22,704.39 Projected Shortfall: (\$10,341.41)			