

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



Pastor John Henry

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 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.*

*The Magi followed a star to worship Jesus and present him gifts.
We too have been guided here by God's light,
to worship Jesus and offer him our gifts of love.
Welcome.*

Opening Hymn *Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten* **914**

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 O almighty God, merciful Father,
C 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.
P ... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 104:24; 111:10



²⁴ *O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you | made them all; *
the earth is full of your | creatures.*

¹⁰ *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing. *
His praise endures for- | ever!*

Gloria Patri

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C *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 with-
out end. Amen.*

Kyrie

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C *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis

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P *Glory be to God on high:*

C *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.*

P *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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

Proverbs 8:22–32

²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.
³²“And now, O sons, listen to me:
blessed are those who keep my ways.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 78:1–4, 67–72



¹*Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching; *
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!*
²*I will open my mouth in a | parable; *
I will utter dark sayings | from of old,*

³things that we have | heard and known,*
that our fathers have | told us.
⁴We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, | and his might,*
and the wonders that | he has done.

⁶⁷He rejected the tent of | Joseph; *
he did not choose the tribe of | Ephraim,
⁶⁸but he chose the tribe of | Judah,*
Mount Zion, | which he loves.
⁶⁹He built his sanctuary like the high | heavens,*
like the earth, which he has founded for- | ever.
⁷⁰He chose David his servant
and took him from the | sheepfolds; *
⁷¹**from following the nursing ewes he brought him
to shepherd Jacob his people,
Israel his in- | heritance.**
⁷²**With upright heart he shep- | herded them*
and guided them with his | skillful hand.**

Second Lesson

1 John 2:12–17

¹²I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

¹³I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.

¹⁴I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:41–52

P *The Holy Gospel according to Luke the second chapter.*

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

⁴¹Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Sermon Hymn

O Savior of Our Fallen Race

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers

Installation of 2025 Officers

Offering

Offertory

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- 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.*
C *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.*
P *It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:*

Sanctus

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- C** *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, hosanna in the highest.*

The Lord's Prayer

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The Consecration

Pax Domini (Sung)

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

Agnus Dei

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- C** *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

<i>Through Jesus' Blood and Merit</i>	746
<i>Jesus Comes Today with Healing</i>	620
<i>Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal</i>	916

Nunc Dimittis

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C *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.*
C *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.*
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, amen, amen.*

Closing Hymn

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

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



Installation of newly elected church officers:

SJL: Stewardship: Jackie Schuder, Finance: Garrett Schock
ZION: Chairman: Alan Wille, Financial Secretary: Lorna Bicknase,
Elder: Lon Oelke, Trustee: Joe Nelson

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Nora Mortenson, Lori Schock, Lynn Becker,
Sonia Hoewisch

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: Harper Armbrust, Chuck Patsche, Curt Wille,
Linnette Mundfrom, Addison Schoen

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

We will celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord with a Divine Service at 6pm on Monday, January 6th 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 Pastor Henry to arrange pick-up.



ANNUAL CHURCH VOTER'S MEETINGS
ZION: Jan 8th @ 7:00 (Supper provided by the LWML @ 6:00)
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.

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:

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.

On Thursday, read *Isaiah 42:1-7*
On Friday, read *Romans 6:1-11*
On Saturday, read *Matthew 3:13-17*

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

Hymn: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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**.



- ☞ **Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Cancelled your landline?** Please contact the office with your updated contact information.
- ☞ **SJL Annual Reports** are due to the office no later than Wednesday January 8th.
- ☞ **2025 Contribution Envelopes** are available in the Narthex.

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.



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

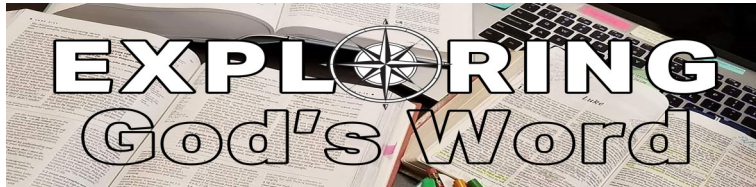
The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School PTL is hosting a information seminar "Gen Z Mental Health Strategies for Parents, Adults and the Gen Z'er" lead by Kathleen von Kampen, MA, LMFT, LMHP, DCE Gracepoint Ministries Therapist & Professor of Psychology at Concordia University NE on Wednesday, January 15th 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.



Reflecting our Stewardship – SJL			
Christmas Eve		Christmas Day	
Attendance	181	Jt Attendance	94 (HC 75)
Birthday Gifts	\$8,212.00	CE Birthday Gifts	\$160.00
		Home	\$2,594.00
		Christmas Bags	\$50.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Dec 29, 2024
Attendance	80 (HC 64)	Home	\$5,630.00
Loose Plate	\$729.00	Missions	\$225.00
Online	\$1,271.50	Transportation	\$86.88
Bulletins	\$70.00	Tuition	\$4,725.00
Tuition Angel	\$150.00	MLHS	\$1,000.00
Salary Reimb	\$631.44	Christmas Eve	\$582.00
Memorials	\$200.00		
Average Monthly Fixed Expenses: \$47,046.00			
October Totals: Given \$37,668.95		Shortage (\$9,377.05)	
November Totals: Given \$31,169.23		Shortage (\$15,876.77)	
December Totals: Given \$68,701.20		Shortage (\$0)	



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

- 1/5 The Epiphany Hymn: “The Only Son From Heaven” - Dr. Arthur Just
- 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

"In the Beginning Was Dialogue" Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. (John 1:1)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 1-5	Garrett & Haley Schock	Christian Drayer
1-12	Greg & Lori Schock	Alex Egeness
ZION 1-5	Alex & Hailey Schliesmann	Lydia Murphy
1-6	Cesar Silveira & Maria Herrera	————
1-12	Brandon Steuber Family	Alex Pittman
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 5-12, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon

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Sunday	Installation of 2025 Officers	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
Monday	Epiphany Divine Service	(Z) 6:00 PM
	Epiphany Bonfire	(Z) 7:00 PM
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
	Zion supper (LWML)	(Z) 6:00 PM
	Zion Annual Meeting	(Z) 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	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(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; sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com, or through the tithe.ly church app.

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			
SS Program	4PM	Candlelight Service	
Attendance	157	Jt Atten 44 (HC 32)	
Windows	\$500.00	SJLS	\$543.05
Luth Schools	\$2,775.00		
Christmas Bags	\$150.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Dec 29, 2024
Attendance	57 (HC 43)	Home	\$3,712.20
Loose Plate	\$184.00	Missions	\$300.00
Windows	\$565.00	SJL School	\$50.00
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$24,670.00			