

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



*Pastor John Henry*



**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

*February 9, 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.*

*You are more than friends and neighbors;  
you are family to one another in the Lord.*

*Take a moment to welcome each other in Christ's love.*

**Opening Hymn**                      *Lord of Our Life*                      **659**

**The Holy Baptism of Kaia Evelyn Poppe (Zion)**    *LSB pp. 268-271*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution (S JL)**

**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**

*Psalm 71:20*



<sup>20</sup>*You who have made me see many troubles and calamities  
will revive | me again;\**  
*from the depths of the earth  
you will bring me | up again.*

***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.*

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 43:15–25*

<sup>15</sup>I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel, your King.”  
<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.  
<sup>22</sup>“Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;  
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!  
<sup>23</sup>You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings,  
or honored me with your sacrifices.  
I have not burdened you with offerings,  
or wearied you with frankincense.  
<sup>24</sup>You have not bought me sweet cane with money,  
or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices.  
But you have burdened me with your sins;  
you have wearied me with your iniquities.  
<sup>25</sup>“I, I am he  
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 139:7–18



<sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your | Spirit? \*  
**Or where shall I flee from your | presence?**  
<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, | you are there! \*  
**If I make my bed in Sheol, | you are there!**  
<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the | morning \*  
**and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,**  
<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall | lead me, \*  
**and your right hand shall | hold me.**  
<sup>11</sup>If I say, “Surely the darkness shall | cover me, \*  
**and the light about me | be night,”**  
<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not | dark to you; \*  
**the night is bright as the day,**  
**for darkness is as | light with you.**  
<sup>13</sup>For you formed my | inward parts; \*  
**you knitted me together in my | mother’s womb.**  
<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonder- | fully made. \*  
**Wonderful are your works;**  
**my soul knows it | very well.**  
<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hid- | den from you, \*  
**when I was being made in secret,**  
**intricately woven in the depths | of the earth.**  
<sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every | one of them, \*  
**the days that were formed for me,**  
**when as yet there were | none of them.**  
<sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, | O God! \*  
**How vast is the | sum of them!**  
<sup>18</sup>If I would count them, they are more | than the sand. \*  
**I awake, and I am still | with you.**

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:5–21

<sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

<sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.  
<sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,  
<sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for 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 6:16–21*

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

**C** *Glory to You, O Lord.*

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup>Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### Sermon Hymn

*Entrust Your Days and Burdens*

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#### 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>Your Table I Approach</i>	628
<i>Chief of Sinners Though I Be</i>	611
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	744

## 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      *You Are the Way; through You Alone*      526

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### Bulletins and Broadcast

- **Dorie Schwieger and Family** are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcasts for the month of February to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Schwieger who passed away 20 years ago on February 28th. May God continue to bring you comfort and peace.
- **Ron Sandersfeld and Family** are sponsoring the bulletins this week in loving memory of Kay. Kay's birthday is February 11th, and their wedding anniversary is February 8th. May God continue to bring you comfort and peace.

**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.

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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Michaelah Petrowiak, Linda Becker, Cale Steuber,  
Lynn Becker, Joe Leimer, Lincoln Becker

*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:* Kaia Poppe, Keenan Poppe, Carter Wille,  
Marcus Moeller, Matthew Moeller

*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, Duane Behrens, Myrna Behrens

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

**Our condolences to the family of Violet Lueth** whose funeral was held this past week at Zion. May God bring you comfort and peace.

**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.

**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.

**All Zion Ladies** are invited to lunch at the Bean Town Grill, Wednesday, February 12, 11:30am. Please RSVP to Lori Behrens by February 8th, 507-995-6692.



**We welcome today through Holy Baptism at Zion - Kaia Evelyn Poppe**, daughter of Brandon & Marissa Poppe. She has two brothers, Keenan & Kailer, and a sister Kayvry. Her sponsors are Tyler & Mercedes Moulton and Mayson & Monica Sands. May God continue to bless the Poppe family.



### 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:**

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 65:17-25*

**On Friday, read**

*1 John 2:21-25*

**On Saturday, read**

*John 12:27-43*

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

**Hymn: 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower**

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT SJL** If you've ever considered seeing what the Adult Bible class is studying, today is the day! Our video series has many good lessons that connect Old and New Testament people and places to our lives in ways that may surprise you. In my opinion today's lesson is in the top ten of the entire series. Powerful stuff! Come and see. We meet in the sanctuary at 9:50 and finish at 10:30.

**Youth Group PIZZA Sale! Super Bowl Pizza Pickup TODAY!**

LYF members (grades 7-12) are invited to Immanuel Lutheran of Fairmont for an evening of fun with other area youth groups. Sunday, February 16th, 5-8pm. We will have pulled pork, a brief devotion, play Werewolf, and then have a Nerf war.



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

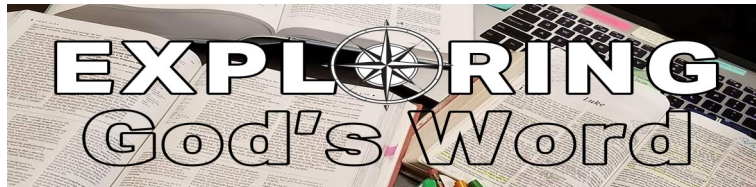
**Enrollment** for students in grades 7-12 for 2025-2026 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is open. **Early bird discounts** apply until March 1st. All students are welcome to enroll no matter what religion they are. Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is focused on Generating a JESUS Generation “preparing students for discipleship until Christ’s return.” Choose now to place your student in a school where they will flourish for the next school year and beyond. [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com). Principal David Stuckwisch is available any time to answer any questions. Call 507-436-5249.

**The MLHS Junior Class will host a Waffle Feed** on Sunday, February 23 (**NOTE change of date from 2/16**) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be serving all-you-can-eat waffles and all the trimmings. Cost is a free-will donation.

**New students and their families are invited to "Getting to Know You Night"** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. Students will give tours, current parents will be on hand to answer questions, classrooms will be open, teachers will be available for questions, and a light supper will be served. Everyone is welcome.

**TUITON ANGEL EGG FUNDRAISER:** the NEW LB Chickens are finally laying eggs (pullet eggs so “smaller” for a little while but still tasty!). Look for eggs in the Narthex at SJL after most Sunday’s moving forward! The previous flock “raised” over \$3,000 over 2.5 years of your generous contributions and helped fund LYF Higher Things trips and expenses...LYF funds are in pretty good shape now so switching to TUITON ANGEL...Call/Text Lynn Becker 507-230-2700 if want direct from the farm...Thanks!

<b>Those Serving our Lord</b>			
		<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
<b>SJL</b>	<b>2-9</b>	Bryan Simmering & Judi Polzin	Alex Egeness
	<b>2-16</b>	Mike & Heidi Steuber	Kimi Hansen
<b>ZION</b>	<b>2-9</b>	Brad & Deb Wallace	Harper Armbrust
	<b>2-16</b>	Isaac & Tania Wallace	Luke Henry
<b>SJL Ushers:</b> Mike Steuber, Lonny Becker, Chase Hillmer, David Rode			
<b>Elders:</b> Kevin (Z), Daryl (SJ) <b>SJL AG:</b> Cheryl Becker, Dar Quade			



### 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. Zion and SJL members are invited to participate.

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**

- 2/9 Your Unanswered Bible Questions - Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller and Pastor Brian Kachelmeier
- 2/16 The Creation Account and Lutheran Theologian Hermann Sasse - Dr. Ben Mayer
- 2/23 The Ash Wednesday Hymn of The Day "From Depths of Woe I Cry To Thee" - Dr. Arthur Just



#### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY**

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

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

**"We Have an Advocate"** Where we might see only a problem, Jesus sees a person who needs an Advocate. (John 5:6)



**The Joint Strategic Planning Financial Committee** is interested in your ideas for fundraisers or ways to increase donations/contributions to help support SJL School. You can talk to one of the committee members, (Alan Wille, Gary Peymann, Isaac Wallace, Bart Johnson, Lynn J Becker, and Jennifer Luhmann) or place your idea in the suggestion box found in the Narthex.

<b>THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:</b>		<b>Feb 9-16, 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>
	LWML @ Bean Town	<b>11:00AM</b>
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	<b>(SJ) 4:00 PM</b>
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	<b>(SJ) 5:00 PM</b>
	Zion Trustees Meeting	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
	Joint Adult Bible Class	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Joint 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>
	LYF @ Immanuel Fairmont	<b>5:00 - 8:00 PM</b>

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

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion</b>			<b>Feb 2, 2025</b>
Attendance	162 (HC 88)	Home	\$3,940.00
Loose Plate	\$200.25	MN South	\$150.00
Windows	\$100.00	SJL School	\$520.00
Memorials	\$1,665.10		
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$27,370.00			

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – St James</b>			<b>Feb 2, 2025</b>
Attendance	100 (HC 83)	Home	\$9,260.00
Loose Plate	\$160.00	Memorials	\$40.00
Online	\$348.25	Tuition	\$1,300.00
SJL School	\$2,089.98	SJL Church	\$1,891.76
<b>Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00</b>			
Giving to date: \$66,144.55 Projected Shortfall: ( \$ )			