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The Purification of Mary and The Presentation of Our Lord
January 29 & February 2, 2025

God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. "As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD" (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to "destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (Heb. 2:14b–15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do "in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and "depart in peace" (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

The Lord's Supper is offered today at Zion. Communicant members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations are invited to commune at this altar. Please speak to our pastor if you have any questions about our communion practice. We would love to discuss the doctrine of the Lord's Supper and joy of Christian fellowship. Please know the gifts of Jesus were given for you—but the proper spiritual preparation for communion is commanded by the Word of God (1 Cor 11:23-29). Those who do not yet commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to receive a Baptismal blessing) or you may remain in the pew during communion to join us in song and praise. There are no "offering" plates passed during the service. Rather, offering plates are set at the front pew. **You are invited to leave an offering of thanks to Christ on your way to communion** or any time during the first part of the service.

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE LORD'S HOUSE

Almighty God, because your Son experienced rejection at his hometown of Nazareth, you know the perils and disappointments we face as your children. Graciously grant your strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

HYMN OF INVOCATION: “Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB #783

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INTROIT **Psalm 48:1–3, 8; antiphon: v. 9**

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,

in the midst of your temple.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

in the city of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within her citadels

God has made himself known as a fortress.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God,

which God will establish forever.

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.

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Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 1:21-28

CHOIR: “How Pleasant”

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-32

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “Thou Light of Gentile Nations” *Bulletin Insert*

SERMON: “Hope at the End” Luke 2:25-32

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: (See Prayer List on Page 6 of Bulletin)

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DISTRIBUTION: “Your Table I Approach” *LSB #628*

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” *LSB #594*

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” *LSB #722*

“The Infant Priest was Holy Born” *LSB #624*

“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction” *LSB #719*

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CLOSING: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” *LSB #924*

Our Lord's Current Business

Traditionally, the church on this day remembers the presentation of Jesus by his parents in the temple. We too present ourselves to God: our praise, petitions, sorrows and joys. Welcome.

Jesus, this Valentine's month and all year long, help me live in love so that, whatever else I do, I will not be "a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1, NRSV).

The Call Committee has shared the congregation's nomination forms with our District President. The next step for Zion is to wait and pray while information is assembled on potential candidates for our ministry. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Confirmation Corner

February 2 - This week we review the Apostles' Creed. We will reflect on how God has created, redeemed, and called us to be His own. We will look at how the Creed can be used to share our faith with others. Our memory for the week, "For 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." Colossians 1:16

Sunday School - classes begin in the downstairs gathering space for singing, devotions and prayer. The students then move to their individual classrooms. Please join us for this time of learning and growing.

Christian Education Hour - Our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class will continue with Pastor Timothy Moe.

Join us on this journey each Sunday at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall!

Bible Study for Middle & High school students will meet at 10:30 All middle and high school students are invited to join us as we take a bigger look at God's Word.

Sr. High Youth - Put Feb. 16 down on your calendars. We will plan to meet for an activity that Sunday. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Adult choir - We continue to meet and sing on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30. We would love to have you join us for this time of singing, fellowship and fun! Right now we are starting to look at music for Lent and Easter

Butter Braid Fundraiser The youth have begun their Butter Braid fundraiser sale. If you've never tasted a Butter braid you are truly missing out! There is a sign-up sheet in the resource room, or talk to your favorite youth and they will help you out. Funds raised will help cover expenses for the National Youth Gathering this summer.

Men's Bible Breakfast - will be meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 a.m. They have breakfast, watch and discuss a video and encourage each other as men of faith.

Quilters would appreciate any queen or king size flat sheets in gently used or new condition. These sheets are used in the making the beautiful quilts that are given to individual's in need. Thank you in advance 😊

Ladies, please check if there is a dish or pan that belongs to you in the kitchen area on shelves above waste baskets.

PRAISE GOD

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is in need of pillows and mattress pads to give with each bed. Please remember these children and their needs in your prayers and give if possible. Pillows and mattress pads can be dropped off at the church office.

Thrivent Choice Dollar-Eligible Thrivent clients can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These funds are called Choice Dollars and are accessed by signing into your account or contacting your agent. Choice Dollars can be designated after February 1 and during the calendar year and up until March 31 of the following year.

Our Lord's On-Going Business

Beautiful boxes & individual cards are on display in the Resource Center. *Valentine* cards are also now available. We are offering cards at the usual 50 cents. Monies can be left with our AA Diane or put in the church "bank" on the card shelf or given to Brenda Mc.

Puzzles are available to take home passing time with family and friends. Please bring back after you have finished and swap for another one. This is a great pastime during the winter months.

Sign up sheets for Sponsorship of Bulletins or Altar Flowers for 2025 are in a blue folder marked as such in the Resource Center. Please put your name & who IHO or IMO on the sheet by appropriate date.

If you are in need of church envelopes, please call the church office at 715-926-3664 or email at office@zionmondovi.com. A box will have your number placed on the envelopes and be placed in your mailbox in the narthex.

Old eyeglasses laying around? There is a collection basket in the Resource Center for them. They will be collected by the Lions Club and distributed to those in need. Thank you for donating to a good cause.

Bulletin or newsletter announcements can be submitted to office@zionmondovi.com, call the office at 715-926-3664 or leave a written note in Diane's mailbox.

Lost & Found items are on a shelf in a basket and next to the basket in the Resource Center. There are mugs, an umbrella plus children's toys.

Large print hymnals are available for use during our services here at Zion. They are in the Narthex on the table to the right of the doors. Please feel free to use.

ZION'S PRAYER LIST:

The call process here at Zion for guidance on decisions being God's Will.

For those seeking healing: Lavina Johnson, Peter Linse, Croix Johnson, Ruth Kent, Marvin Meier, Mike Radle, Vicky Howell, Scott Anderson, Jeff Kacures, Mary Rolandt, Stella, Luther Larson, Susan Loomis, Ed Gunderson, Ron Laehn, Marge Linse, Peggy Waldbillig, Elsie Steinbach, Jackie, Shadie, Savannah Au, Donna Seltrecht, Marvin Stay, Lois Stay, David Bloss, Jean Fleming, Jean Sandberg.

Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays: Emelia Radle, Ervin Nissley, Hilary Heck, Kevin Ronnei, Dennis Gavin Jr, Destiny Harper, Joshua Loscheider, Kami Taylor, Michael Lueloff, Shane Gavin, Jessica Loewenhagen.

**LaRae Grotzinger has volunteered to help coordinate our prayer chain. If you have any updates to this list, please contact her (.), the office, or Pastor . You may also utilize the prayer box found in the narthex.*

THANK GOD



OUR WEEK'S WORK

February 3-9, 2025

MON.	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
TUES.	Christian Education Comm	6:30 p.m.
WED.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
THURS.	American Lutheran Home	2:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
SAT.	Men's Group	7:30 a.m.
SUN.	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education	10:30 a.m.



A Stewardship Thought

Luke 2:24 – “[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’” Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you’ll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us — and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.



OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

Attendance

Wednesday 29 Sunday 94

Sunday School 15

General Offering:	\$	3194.00
TIM	\$	105.00
Sleep in Heavenly Peace	\$	20.00
Offerings Year-to -Date:	\$	15,137.00
Expenses Year-to -Date:	\$	14,352.70



SERVING THIS WEEK

January 29 & February 2, 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	David Reineke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Austin Harper	Weds	7:00 p.m.
	Ken Blodgett	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter	LaRae Grotzinger	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Kathy Blodgett	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Jayden Miller	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Amelia Bethke	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Reid Williamson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Kate Williamson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Wendi Ashwell	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	John Schultz	Sun.	9:00 a.m.

Counters: Galen Aase & Jeff Glanzman

Altar Guild: Lisa Heike, Sara Heike, Ava & Julia.

Karn Mohn, Amanda Osenga & Wendi Ashwell



SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE

February 5 & 9, 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Joe Osenga	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Craig Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Mike Ashwell	Weds	7:00 p.m.
	Galen Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter	Diane Ashwell	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Audrey Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Becca Osenga	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Braelee Unser	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Jacob Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Ben Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Osenga Family	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Linse Family	Sun.	9:00 a.m.

Counters: Chris Heike & Jeremy Anderson

Altar Guild: Karn Mohn, Amanda Osenga & Wendi Ashwell