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Second Sunday After Christmas
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The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

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

O God, by a star you led the Wise Men of old to worship the Christ child. So lead us that we too may worship him all our lives,=. Holy Spirit within us, guide our works and shape our deeds and actions into fit expressions of worship, praise, and love. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

HYMN OF INVOCATION: “As with Gladness Men of Old” *LSB #397*

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Introit **Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14**

*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
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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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: Page 154

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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. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 3:4-15

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

ALLELUIA and VERSE: Page 156

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:40-52

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “Within the Father’s House” *LSB #410*

SERMON: “Jesus is Taking Care of Business” Luke 2:40-52

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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

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“O Morning Star” *LSB #395*
“God Loves Me Dearly” *LSB #392*

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CLOSING: “Gracious God You Send Great Blessings” *LSB #782*

Our Lord's Current Business

as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.”

Welcome. 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. Dear God, at the start of this new year, and the Epiphany season, shine your light on my path. Amen.

Heartfelt Thank You to George and Julie Benning for sponsorship of the bulletin this week and also the altar flowers in loving memory of their daughter Jamie Gruber.

The congregation sent a Call to Pastor Castens of Festus MO in early December. After prayerful consideration and consultation, he has declined our call. This was the second Call sent by Zion that was declined. The Call Committee has decided to regroup and request a new list of Call candidates from the North Wisconsin District Office. Congregational nominations are also encouraged. Nomination forms are available in the Resource Room. Information on due dates or other details will be available after the Call Committee meets with Pastor Wessel, our Circuit Visitor. As always, please reach out to any Call Committee member with questions about the process, status, or anything related to the call.

Confirmation Corner

January 5- This week our confirmands will return to their study of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed. We will see how Jesus has redeemed us to be His own by dying on the cross and rising again. We will also look at our response, which is to live under His care and serve Him and others. Memory for the week: "That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just

Adult Choir - Rehearsals will begin again on Thursday, January 9. Have you added weekly singing to your New Year's Resolution? Now would be the perfect time!

Sunday School – We will return to our normal schedule this week, Jan. 5. Sunday school students will take a look at Hezekiah and how God answered him.

Sunday Morning Adult Study – We will return to our normal schedule this week, Jan. 5. Adults will begin a new study that centers on the life of our Lord Jesus, in the Gospel of Mark.

Bible Study for Middle & High school students will meet at 10:30 to work through their lessons.

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

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 😊

Installation of All Officers-Sunday January 5th or Wednesday January 8th. Officers, please come forward at appropriate time.

Ladies, please take the time to grab any dish or pan that you may have left in the kitchen while bringing in food during Advent season. Thank you to all you served in any way.

Annual Reports for Council and Committees need to be turned into the Office by January 13th for the Annual Report to be completed. Thank you for your prompt response.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is in need of new pillows and new mattress pads. Please bring to the church office with any donations.

Our Lord's On-Going Business

Please check the Resource Room for the lost items. Numerous items are seeking their rightful owner.

Beautiful boxes & individual cards are on display in the Resource Center card display. 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 to put together, 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.

ZION'S PRAYER LIST:

For those mourning: the family of Judy Bowen. **The call process** here at Zion for guidance on decisions being God's Will.

For those seeking healing: Mike Radle, Vicky Howell, Scott Anderson Julie Dobson, Jeff Kacures, Mary Rolandt, Stella, Luther Larson, Emily Woodworth, 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: Levi Benning, Darlene Gavin, Nicole Fluekiger, J.J. Accola Jr, Colter Dziekan, Jeffrey Kacures, Jon Seep, Rebecca Lueloff, Josh Parker, Bob Grossell, Meya Haigh, John Switzenberg.

Thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries: John & Mary Gehrke.

**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.*

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.



OUR WEEK'S WORK
January 6-12, 2025

MON.	Sr. Fellowship	1:00 p.m.
	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
TUES.	Christian Education Com	6:30 p.m.
WED.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Sharing Table(Central/SH)	4:30 p.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
THURS.	Church Council	6:00 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 2:40 – “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?



OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

Attendance: Christmas Eve 203
 Christmas Day 49 Sunday 82
 Sunday School 17

General Offering:	\$	7911.00
TIM	\$	105.00
Budget Year-to -Date:	\$	242,882.12
Offerings Year-to -Date:	\$	260,028.41



SERVING THIS WEEK
January 5, 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Craig Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Keith Reinhardt	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Diane Pfund	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Jacob Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Ben Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Galen Aase & Jeff Glanzman		
Altar Guild:	Betty Sessions & Julie Vollmer, Lisa Heike, Sara Heike, Ava & Julia.		



SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE
January 8 & 12, 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Joe Osenga	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	David Reineke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Louie Moyer	Weds	7:00 p.m.
	Butch Waldbillig	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter	:Nancy Jardine	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Brenda McKissick	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Mason McDonough	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	McKinley McDonough	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Calvin Olson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Reid Williamson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Chris Heike & Jeremy Anderson		
Altar Guild:	Lisa Heike, Sara Heike, Ava & Julia.		

