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Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ

When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was “the first of his signs” by which He “manifested his glory” (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming “hour,” when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride” (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that “Jesus is Lord,” and they return thanks to Him “in the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His 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

Almighty and eternal God, at the wedding of Cana in Galilee your Son, Jesus Christ, showed his divine power in a miraculous Sign. Grant your people faith always to see the glory of Jesus hidden in the means of your grace, the Gospel and the Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

HYMN OF INVOCATION: “Here I Am to Worship”

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INTROIT: Psalm 36:5–9; antiphon: Song of Solomon 2:4

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,

and his banner over me was love.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

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 everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Speak O Lord”

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Church Arise”

SERMON: “A Sign of Salvation” John 2:1-11

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

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DISTRIBUTION: “Give Thanks”
“Better is One Day”
“The Lord’s Prayer”
“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

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CLOSING: “Doxology”

Our Lord's Current Business

Welcome to worship. May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation.

In 1 Corinthians 12, St. Paul wrote to Christians about the many spiritual gifts. Holy Spirit, show me what gifts I have for serving you.

The Call Committee met with Pastor Wessel on Monday, January 6th to discuss the next step in the Call process. We have ask the District President for a new list of candidates.

Nominations submitted by members of Zion need to be forwarded to the District office in Wausau before they will start a list. The due date for nominations is Sunday, January 19th. Nomination forms are available in the Resource Room. Please give completed forms to Diane or a Call Committee member.

Pastor Mark & Emily Benning will be away for two weeks. Pastor Timothy Moe from Cleghorn will be filling in to lead worship until he returns. If a need for pastoral care arises during this time, please contact Diane at our church office or one of our elders.

Ladies, please check if there is a dish or pan that may be in the kitchen that belongs to you.

Confirmation Corner

January 19 As we look at the second part of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, we will talk about how the Holy Spirit has brought them into a community called the Church. We will see that Christ is the Head of the Church and as part of that community we respond to His love. Our memory for the week: "In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers."

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 a "Walk through the New Testament." We will look into the life of our Lord Jesus as presented by the four Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. As we explore the life of Christ we'll learn more about living our lives as His disciples today, and how God uses us to share the Good News of His love with others. Join us on this journey each Sunday at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall! This week: Read through the Gospel of St. Matthew on your own.

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 mark Sunday, Jan. 26 on your calendar. The Linse's will be hosting a sledding party at their house in Modena. They will provide soup and hot cocoa. Youth are asked to bring their own sleds. Information for the Butter Braid Fundraiser will be shared. If you have any questions, you can contact Melissa Linse or the Osenga's. If you need a ride to Linse's, please let one of them know and we can arrange transportation from church. See you there!

Adult Choir - Now is a perfect time to join us as we prepare for the upcoming church seasons. It may seem like we just finished Christmas, but in the music preparation world, we are already looking to Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter. We would love to have you! We practice every Thursday from 6:30-7:30.

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 😊

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.

Zion is looking for persons interested in forming a committee responsible for planning the Sharing Table meals starting next fall. The February and May 2025 meals are in the planning stages and will be held at Zion. The responsibilities include planning three meals per year starting in October, plus recruiting volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up.

The Ladies Society originally accepted preparing the Sharing Table meals and were promised it would not be a permanent responsibility. It's safe to say that Zion's kitchen is the most used church kitchen in the area and that the Ladies Society could use a break.

The time has come for Zion to make a decision: pull out of participating next fall or find members who would like to coordinate meals in the future.

Please contact John Schultz for more information or to be on the committee

Our Lord's On-Going Business

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 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.

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:

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

For those seeking healing: Croix Johnson, Ruth Kent, Marvin Meier, Mike Radle, Vicky Howell, Scott Anderson, 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: Mike Ashwell, Galen Aase, Lynn Bechel, Kaylah Cavit, Bob Nick, Al Parker, Juli Dobson, Ava Heike, Jeffrey Allison Heather Anderson, Lyle Christopherson Shirley Hayden, Barbara Moyer, Andrew Sessions.

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



OUR WEEK'S WORK
January 20-26, 2025

MON.	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
WED.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
THURS.	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
SUN.	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education	10:30 a.m.



A Stewardship Thought

John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, ‘They have no wine.’” Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!



OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

Attendance

Wednesday 31 Sunday 87
Sunday School 14

General Offering:	\$	2993.00
Budget Year-to -Date:	\$	10559.88
Offerings Year-to -Date:	\$	7259.00



SERVING THIS WEEK
January 15 & 19, 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Craig Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Larry Anderson	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Matt Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Jeanne Anderson	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Karn Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Sullivan Rud	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Tanner Osenga	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Keegan Hill	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Matt Triggs	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Katie Harris	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Julie Kacures	Sun.	9:00 a.m.

Counters: Margaret Ronnei & Brenda McKissick
Altar Guild: Lisa Heike, Sara Heike, Ava & Julia.



SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE
January 22 & 26, 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Joe Osenga	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Matt Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Reggie Corpuz	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Frank Standaert	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Lucy Corpuz	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Mary Standaert	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Aubrey Wittig	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Arabella Wittig	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Izzie Winberg	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Brenna Vollmer	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Corpuz Family	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	David Reineke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.

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