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## **Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany** **February 19 & 23, 2025**

### **As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive**

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, “do not go on sinning” (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as “sons of the Most High,” and “be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also “love your enemies, do good” (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but “to preserve life.” So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with “you and your children and your children’s children” (Gen. 45:5–10).

**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 Lord, you taught us to love our enemies and to be merciful as you are merciful. By your Holy Spirit grant us the gifts of love and peace without which we cannot live before you; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

**HYMN OF INVOCATION:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB #790

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**INTROIT**

Psalm 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;*

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

*Fret not yourself because of evildoers;*

**be not envious of wrongdoers!**

*For they will soon fade like the grass*

**and wither like the green herb.**

*Trust in the Lord, and do good;*

**dwel in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

*Delight yourself in the Lord,*

**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

*Commit your way to the Lord;*

**trust in him, and he will act.**

**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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**O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through 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:** Genesis 45:3-15

**EPISTLE READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

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**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 6:27-38

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**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “O God, My Faithful God” *LSB #696* vs1-4

**SERMON:** “Have Mercy!” Luke 6:27-38

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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

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**DISTRIBUTION:** “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” *LSB #620*  
“Where Charity and Love Prevail” *LSB #845*  
“ Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” *LSB #848*

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**CLOSING:** “Praise to You and Adoration” *LSB #692*

## **Our Lord's Current Business**

**Welcome to worship.** God plants us like trees beside streams of living water, provided by Jesus himself (Psalm 1:3; John 4:14). All who are thirsty, come and drink. God, I come to you with many preoccupations. Settle my spirit in the embrace of your love and peace. Amen.

**Heartfelt "Thank You"** to Gene Schultz for sponsorship of bulletin this week in memory of Irving & Helen Schultz.

**Katie Harris and Mary Gehrke** have volunteered to coordinate the Zion Sharing Table meals starting this fall. Putting on a Sharing Table requires support from the congregation in order to be fun and successful. Please thank Katie and Mary for taking on this task and volunteer cheerfully when needed.

**The Call Committee** received a new Call List from the District President on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Committee met and is process of contacting candidates. We have included the current Call List as an insert the bulletin. Please keep this process in your prayers as the Committee continues its work. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Call Committee: John Schultz, Dan Heike, Jane Reineke, Jeremy Anderson, Joel Lewiston, Matt Mohn, and Laura Nowaskey.

### **Confirmation Corner**

February 23 - As we look at the first petition of the Lord's Prayer "Hallowed be Thy name" we will see that God's name is holy. We will look at the importance of honoring God's name by calling on Him in faith, proclaiming His love for us, and living according to His Word. Our memory verse is "I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1

**Sunday School** - classes begin at 10:30 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.

**Sunday Morning Adult Class** - This week we continue our "Walk through the New Testament" as we look at Luke's Gospel. As we look into this Gospel, we will learn more about living our lives as disciples of Christ. We will see how God uses us to share the Good News with others. We meet in the fellowship hall at 10:30 for this study.

**Middle & Senior High Bible Class** - We meet every Sunday at 10:30. The junior high group is currently walking through the Old Testament to discover the promises of God. The senior high group is looking at God's Word to us in the New Testament and how we can share His love with others. Come and join us!

**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** - Now is the time to get your butter braid! This pastry is great to have on hand for any time you are looking for a sweet treat! They are frozen and just need to be thawed overnight before they are baked. Feb. 23 is the last day orders will be accepted. There is an order form in the resource room, or you can ask any of our youth. Funds raised will help support our youth and adults who will be attending the National Youth Gathering this summer.

**Ladies**, please check the stand in the lobby area to see if there is a dish or pan that belongs to you. Thank you for sharing your food blessings with us.

**Lenten Series** -Starting with **Ash Wednesday** we will begin a series entitled "The Hand of the Lord." Each Wednesday we will look at how the "hand of the Lord" comes to us in Jesus. Our Sunday morning adult Bible study will look at each topic in a little more depth, and we will have daily devotionals on hand to help you focus on this theme during Lent. Wednesday services are held at 11:00 (lunch after) and 7:00 (supper before). Join us as we learn about "The Hand of the Lord."

**Camp Luther** - Our LCMS North-Wisconsin District camp has opened its registration for summer camp. This is a wonderful place for our children and youth to grow in their faith. Camp Luther has programs for all ages(including kindergarten and parents). There is information in the resource center on the programs that are available. Finances a concern? Camp has programs for first time campers - they are very willing to talk with you!

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

**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. Easter 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 McKissick.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Max Stuber, Lavina Johnson, Peter Linse, Croix Johnson, Ruth Kent, Marvin Meier, Mike Radle, Scott Anderson, Jeff Kacures, Mary Rolandt, 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:** Matt Mohn, Brian Ring, Rina Ashwell, Alison Dieckman.

*\*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.*



**OUR WEEK'S WORK**  
**February 24-March 2, 2025**

MON.	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
TUES.	Rachel's Circle	1:30 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**

**Luke 6:20–21** – “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.” The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness: if you're poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there's an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.



**OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK**

	Attendance	
	Wednesday 34	Sunday 83
	Sunday School 13	
General Offering:	\$	2864.00
TIM	\$	5.00
Offerings thru January 2025	\$	15,137.00
Expenses thru January 2025	\$	14,352.70



**SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**February 19 & 23, 2025**

Accom:	Mary Gehrke	Weds.	Jane Reineke	Sunday
Elder:	Joe Osenga	Weds.		7:00 p.m.
	Matt Mohn	Sun.		9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Reggie Corpuz	Weds.		7:00 p.m.
	John Gehrke	Sun.		9:00 a.m.
Greeter	Lucy Corpuz	Weds.		7:00 p.m.
	Cheryl Anibas	Sun.		9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Aubrey Wittig	Weds.		7:00 p.m.
	Arabella Wittig	Weds.		7:00 p.m.
	Calvin Olson	Sun.		9:00 a.m.
	Jacob Loscheider	Sun.		9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Corpuz Family	Weds.		7:00 p.m.
	David Reineke	Sun.		9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Dan Hill & Mike Ashwell			
Altar Guild:	Karn Mohn, Amanda Osenga & Wendi			



**SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**February 26 & March 2, 2025**

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Craig Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Austin Harper	Weds	7:00 p.m.
	Frank Standaert	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter	LaRae Grotzinger	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Mary Standaert	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Izzie Winberg	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Brenna Vollmer	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Ben Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Jacob Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Wendi Ashwell	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Emily Benning	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Galen Aase & Jeff Glanzman		
Altar Guild:	Karn Mohn, Amanda Osenga & Wendi Ashwell. Susan Loomis & Diane Pfund		