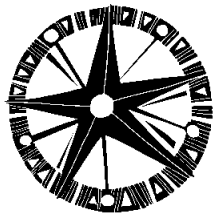


The First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2012 AD + 9 and 11 AM



A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Merciful God, we humbly implore you to cast the bright beams of your light upon your Church so that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of your truth and at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Welcome. As the 12 days of Christmas to unfold, we gather again this Sunday to rejoice in the newborn King. We are not the first: rejoicing began already with the angels and shepherds, and then spread to blessed Simeon and Anna, two aged saints who appear in our gospel lesson. The Lord whom they adored and praised is the same Lord who greets us today.

Parents: Children are welcome at our services. For parents who desire it, a nursery with an attendant is downstairs.

PRELUDE

“What Is This Lovely Fragrance”
“Once in Royal David’s City”

... Manz
... Farlee

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Angels From the Realms of Glory” green hymnal #50

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

A musical score for a hymn in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -'.

What a beautiful, comforting message! Not only has Christ taken on Himself our sins and made them His own, but He has given to us His righteousness and made it ours. Luther called this the “blessed exchange” that occurs between Christ and the sinner. Because of this blessed exchange, Christ has taken our place and we take our place before God in Christ



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



☒ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God, our maker and redeemer, you wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in him who made himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:10—62:3

^{61:10}I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful head-dress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

^{62:1}For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

L: Hallelujah! | I will give thanks to the LORD with ‘my whole heart,* in the assembly of the upright, in the ‘congregation.

C: Great are the deeds 'of the LORD!*
They are studied by all who de'light in them.

L: His work is full of majes'ty and splendor,*
and his righteousness en'dures forever.

C: He makes his marvelous works to 'be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and full 'of compassion.

L: He gives food to 'those who fear him;*
he is ever mindful 'of his covenant.

C: He has shown his people the power 'of his works*
in giving them the lands 'of the nations.

L: The works of his hands are faithful'ness and justice;*
all his command'ments are sure.

C: They stand fast forev'er and ever,*
because they are done in 'truth and equity.

L: He sent redemption to his people; |
he commanded his cove'nant forever;*
holy and awesome 'is his name.

C: The fear of the LORD is the begin'ning of wisdom;*
those who act accordingly have a good understanding. |
His praise en'dures forever.

SECOND LESSON Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

. . . . In other words, the Father looks on His Son as if He were all sinners, and the Father looks on us sinners as if we were His Son.

~ Daniel Preus, 2004 A.D.

Therefore a man can with confidence boast in Christ and say: "Mine are Christ's living, doing, and speaking, his suffering and dying, mine as much as if I had lived, done, spoken, suffered, and died as he did." Just as a bridegroom possesses all that is his bride's and she all that is his—for the two have all things in common because they are one flesh—so Christ and the Church are one spirit.
 ~ Martin Luther, 1519 A.D.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.



²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for ☩ the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” green hymnal #42

SERMON

Please kneel.

PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: . . . O King of Kings,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sins. Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

*Why did our
Lord clothe
himself with
our flesh? So
that this flesh
of ours might
experience
victory and so
that our flesh
might know
and under-
stand the gifts
of God.
~ Ephrem
the Syrian,
about
370 A.D.*

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

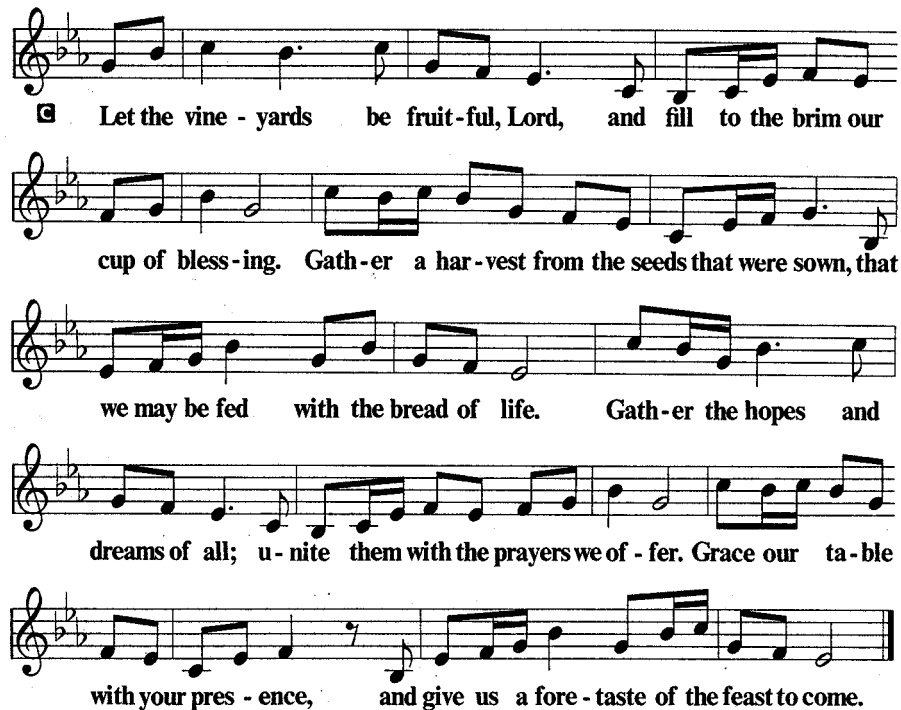
VOLUNTARY

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

... Held

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P: Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their un-
ending hymn:



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In Lutheran liturgies, the [canticle of Saint Simeon] became the most commonly used canticle to conclude the distribution. This is an inspired way to bring communion to a close. We join Simeon in recognizing God's peace in the Christ Child who has opened our eyes to His salvation in the breaking of the bread. "My own eyes have seen" Christ in the flesh on the altar, as Simeon did in the baby Jesus, who is "the salvation . . . prepared in the sight of every people." ~ Arthur Just, 2008 A.D.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- “The First Noel” green hymnal #56
- “Once in Royal David’s City” blue hymnal #643

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

CANTICLE OF SAINT SIMEON

☐ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God of wonder, we have tasted your goodness, and beheld your presence in the Word made flesh. Shine forth his light in all we say and do, and fill the earth with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

A - men

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

... Burkhardt

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +
To God alone be glory

**A Prayer
As You Go**
Keep my eyes open,
Lord, to the glory of your birth, the glory of your salvation, the glory of your eternal reign.
Amen

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✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Children may receive the sacrament after completing first communion class. Zion holds this class at the end of the child's 4th grade year.

Distribution: You may receive the Supper at either the altar rail or the chapel. To commune at the chapel, please proceed down the center aisle with the other communicants, and inform the usher at the front pew that you desire to commune at the chapel.

Communion Cards: Both members and visitors are asked to use a "Communion Registration" card. This enables our pastors to provide ministry and personal attention within the Zion family. When visitors include a church name and city on the card, we will mail it to that church.

Today's Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Steven Gjerde

Liturgist: Rev. Theodore Gulhaugen

Organist: Virginia Giese

Lector: (9:00) Christina Zeinemann

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Ushers: (9:00) Marty Dettmering; John Ahrens; Adele Blair; Donald Budnik;

Fred Fenhaus; Robb Halverson

(11:00) Al Lippert; Wayne Reuter; Herbert Zahrt

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Kathy LaPorte; Tom Olson

(11:00) Dave Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg

Acolyte: (9:00) Valerie Contreras

(11:00) Ben Schubring

Elder: Marlene Kroening

Altar Guild: Jane Gjerde; Pam Hoppe

Flowers

The poinsettias are received from the Christmas Decorating Fund. A special insert, listing those who contributed to the Decorating Fund, was included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Extra forms are on the tables in the narthex and reception area.

Sponsor Charts

The Radio Broadcast and the Flower sponsor sign-up charts for 2012 are posted on the bulletin board by the stairs by the church office. Many dates are open. An option to consider is that you may co-sponsor a date that is available.

Bible Study in the Church Hall

- Sunday, 10:15 a.m., A Catechism on Human Life
- Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., 1 John 1:1
- Thursday, 7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast; Ezra 6:1

Wednesday Services: NO Matins or Vespers this week.

Worship Notes

Red and Green? No, the true color for Christmas is white, symbolizing the purity of the Christ-child.

Christmastide Our celebration of Christ’s birth continues well into the new year, ending only with the start of Epiphany on January 6. Our hymns and readings therefore continue to reflect on Christ’s infancy and childhood during these 12 days.

The Feast of Epiphany: Thursday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion, beginning with a Festival Procession

The Epiphany celebrates the arrival of travelers from the east (“wise men”) to worship the newborn King. It extends from sundown on January 5 to sundown on January 6 and bridges the Christmas and Epiphany seasons. What is a “Festival Procession”? Come, join the eastern travelers, and see . . .

Bargain Shoppers!

Watch for sales on soup between now and February 5 when Zion will observe Souper Super Bowl Sunday. Many churches collect soup on Super Bowl Sunday for local food pantries. You may bring your donations of soup to the church office anytime now and before February 5.

Confirmation Class

... resumes this Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Children’s Handbags

...contain a book, crayons and paper for children to enjoy using during the services. Parents may get a bag for each child from the narthex.

Please return the bags after the service.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Sponsors “Sundaes on Sunday”

... next Sunday, January 8 at fellowship from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the church hall.

Concordia Guild

... does not have a January meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2.

Memorial Sympathy Cards and Envelopes

... are available at the church office, or in the tract rack by the offices. These are free for any parishioner to take if they would like to use these cards.

Decorations to be Removed from the Sanctuary

On Saturday, January 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the Christmas decorations will be removed from inside church. Please come to the sanctuary and help with this project. The poinsettias will be given away that day to those who help out. Refreshments will be served.

January Mission Emphasis: Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan: Zion's goal is \$2,000.00

Two LSS program can be summarized as follows:

Birthparent Services LSS counsels approximately 350 birth parents each year regarding their unplanned pregnancies. Whether the decision is to parent their child or make an adoption plan, LSS continues to support birthparents, throughout pregnancy, childbirth, and beyond.

Adoption Services This program is open to single or married couples who can give a child a permanent home and loving family. You do not have to be a Lutheran to use LSS adoption services. Most adoptions are completed within 12 to 24 months. A meeting is set up with an experienced staff member who will guide and support the person (s) who would like to adopt. The staff is experienced in all aspects of domestic and international adoptions. They work with the family as a team to select an appropriate program, submit the application, conduct a home study, and complete the required paperwork. International adoption programs include partnership with Mexico, Mongolia, Russia, and the Philippines. Please generously support this mission.

Bread Baking Report from October 28, 2011

50 loaves of bread at \$3.00: \$150.00

Ingredients Cost: 00.00 (donated by a grateful parishioner)
\$150.00 = Total Profit

Profits designated to: Zion Missions: \$30.00; Boiler Repair Fund: \$120.00

Also, thank you to Ruth Draeger, my kitchen helper. *Phyllis Bliese*

Worship and Winter Weather

Scheduled worship services will always be held at Zion for those who are able to attend, even at times of inclement weather. Each individual or household is encouraged to make wise decisions regarding winter travel.

Parish Nurse

Lenore Grosinske, Zion's Parish Nurse, is available to make home visits on a weekly/monthly basis for family members of the parish. This visitation can be short-term or long-term. Lenore is also able to assist with understanding home medications and any other medical issues for which you may have concerns. These services are provided at no charge to members of Zion. Please call the church office, and Lenore will be given the request.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

January 1—8, 2012

A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL !

Sun. CHRISTMAS 1

9:00 am Holy Communion, broadcast on WSAU Radio

NO Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Study

11:00 am Holy Communion

Mon. Church Office closed

Tues. 9:00 am Bible Study

10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Outreach

Weds. NO Matins

1:00 pm Jail Ministry

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

NO Vespers

7:00 pm Catechism

7:00 pm Personnel Meeting

Thurs. EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm Holy Communion

Sat. 9:00 am—12:00 noon Remove decorations in sanctuary

5:15 pm Holy Communion

Sun. BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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ATTENDANCE:

DECEMBER 24 AND 25

Christmas Eve

5:00 am 523

8:00 pm: 132

Christmas Day:

9:00 am 147

Total: 802

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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