

Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church



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The 1st Week of Christmas - The Naming of Our Lord

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Welcome to our family of faith! Large Print Editions of our bulletin and hymnal (Christian Worship), as well as assistive listening devices are available by asking an usher. Please feel free to ask for help or with any questions that you may have. We are glad you are here!

IF YOUR CHILDREN BECOME RESTLESS OR HAVING A BAD DAY: our church basement is equipped with a closed circuit television feed for your viewing and listening pleasure. Please feel free to join us downstairs to make use of that service if you need a place to settle the children down before returning upstairs. We are pleased to provide this service to you to help enrich your time hearing God's Word!

A FAVOR PLEASE: Please take a moment to fill out the blue attendance card found in each pew for our church records (guests and members alike). On Sunday, the cards will be collected right after the offering baskets have been passed through (in the 2nd basket that will come around); on Monday, please drop the card in the offering basket as it comes around. Thanks for your help!

BIBLE TEXT: While our Scripture lessons are printed in the bulletin, you may appreciate reading them in their context from our pew Bibles. Please note the page number that corresponds to the pew Bibles for each lesson is included. Why not take a moment before the service begins to look up and mark the readings with a guest card, which can be returned afterwards to the rack?

THE ALTAR PARAMENTS are *WHITE* (the color of holiness and heaven) during the Christmas Season reminding us that Christ, who left His throne in Heavenly glory, came to earth to make us holy through His perfect life, death, and resurrection. What a gift of God's undeserved love our Savior, Jesus, is!

THEME OF THE DAY

'At the name of Jesus, every knee will bow!'

Hymn: 708 **Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year**
(from our Worship Supplement & can be found on page 8 of your Worship Bulletin)

Order of Service – Today, we follow the '**New Common Service**' found in the yellow Christian Worship Handout (**C.W.H.**) you received as you entered church today.

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Congregation speaks: '**AMEN.**')

THE WORD FOR THE DAY

Old Testament Numbers 6:22-27 (found on page 135 in the pew Bibles)

**** This will also serve as our Sermon Text ****

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴ "The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.'" ²⁷ "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." (NIV)

Psalm of the Day: We join to sing Psalm 8 at the front of *C.W.* on p.67 [NOTE: *our Psalm Cantor will sing the 1st phrase up to the *, the congregation will join together to sing the 2nd phrase in each couplet, the 'Glory be to the Father' in bold print, & the Refrains.*]

(Refrain): I will praise your name for-ev-er, my King and my God.

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in 'all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the 'heavens.

*When I consider your 'heavens,**
the work of your 'fingers,

*what is man that you are mind'ful of him,**
the Son of Man that you 'care for him?

(Refrain): I will praise your name for-ev-er, my King and my God.

*You made him a little lower than the heavenly 'beings**
and crowned him with glory and 'honor.

*You made him ruler over the works 'of your hands;**
you put everything un'der his feet.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

(Refrain): I will praise your name for-ev-er, my King and my God.

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Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:9-13 (found on page 1162 in the pew Bibles)

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is

Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (NIV)

Verse of the Day: Pastor speaks the Verse: "*Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.*"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:21 (found on page 1015 in the pew Bibles); After the gospel is announced, we join to *sing*: "**Glory be to you O, Lord**" (*twice*)

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all people, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. (NIV) / We join to *sing*: '**Praise be to you, O Christ**' (*twice*).

The Apostle's Creed – also found in the yellow Christian Worship Handout (C.W.H.)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the

right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 76 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Sermon by Scott Bergemann on Number 6:22-27

'What's In a Name?'

Our Joyful Response – We join to sing: 'Create in Me' found in the yellow **C.W.H.** (p. 5)

Our Offerings – The offering is a chance for God's people to respond to God's love by giving to carry on the ministry He has entrusted to us. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to give an offering. We are truly pleased that you have joined us for worship, so we could share the gospel with you! Please come again!

Attendance Card Collection – Please take a moment to fill out the attendance card found in each pew (guests & members alike). The cards will be collected right after the offering baskets have been passed through; just pass them at that time to the center aisle for collection in the 2nd basket that will come around. Thank you!

Prayer of the Church - by pastor, to be followed by the Lord's Prayer together:

Lord's Prayer


Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 70 Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter

Closing Prayer & Blessing - (found inside the back cover of **C.W.H.**)

Hymn 72 v.4 O Lord, Our Father, Thanks and Praise

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<p>Our Mission Here at Mt. Zion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">† Grow in God's Word† Gather around His Word and Sacrament† Go into our community and the world with the good news of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.	
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Special thank you to . . .

- † **our Organist:** Ken Jeske
- † **our Psalm Cantor:** Jonathan Becker
- † **our Ushers:** Teams 02 & 09
- † **our Bible Study Goodies:** Behrens

Next Week's Servants. . .

- † **Next Sundays Organist:** Michelle Treder
- † **Next Sundays Psalm Cantor:** Ken Jeske
- † **Next Sundays Ushers:** Teams 03 & 10
- † **Next Sundays Nursery Attendant:** Shawn Walrath
- † **Next Sundays Bible Study Goodies:** Jeske & Tegen

This Week at Mt. Zion

- Sunday** Worship Service – 8:00am & 10:45am (Usher Team 02 & 09)
Adult and Teen Bible Studies and Sunday School – 9:15am
- Monday** Worship Service – 6:30pm
- Tuesday** Bible Study – 10:00am
- Wednesday** SLHS Chapel (Rev B) - 9:15am
Confirmation Class – 3:30pm
Sunday School Staff Meeting - 6:00pm
CAP Class resumes – 7:00pm
- Thursday** Preschool Chapel - 8:45am
Preschool Staff Bible Study – 11:45am
- Sunday** Communion Service – 8:00am & 10:45am (Usher Team 03 & 10)
Adult and Teen Bible Studies and Sunday School – 9:15am
Fellowship Committee Meeting - 12:00pm
WELS Volleyball BEGINS (@ Friedens) - 3:30pm

Announcements

Our Current Bible Study Topics:

- † **Sunday** – *'The Augsburg Confession: Confessing God's truth in a world of lies!'*
- † **Tuesday** – Seeing Jesus and the Gospel in the Old Testament Book of Psalms
- † **Wednesday CAP Class** – *'The Disciples Dialogue with Doctrine'*
- † **1st Place for Health** – resumes in January w/: Giving God Control!

Open Forums Coming in January - Beginning NEXT Sunday, January 8th, MT Zion will hold Open Forums *during the Sunday Bible Study Hour* (9:15-10:15am) in the fellowship hall to discuss our ministry under the Lord, and where we are in it. We will be systematically walking through each division or aspect of our work under God (Education, Property and Grounds, Worship, Fellowship, etc.), and discussing what we see in those areas right now, as well as new ideas that might be considered for the future. The last time this was done was 5 years ago; and at that time, it was very beneficial for both the leaders to be able to hear the member's input to help guide them in their work, as well as for the members to be able to hear from their leaders on specific issues or topics that they would like more information or clarification on. Please plan to join these important ministry meetings which will begin on 1/8, and will continue until we complete the evaluation (which we expect to take 2-3 Sundays).

CAP Class to Resume – The Wednesday night CAP class resumes its “*Disciples Dialogue with Doctrine*” course ***THIS WEDNESDAY*** (1/4) at 7pm. The schedule reminds us that we will be discussing Lesson 7, parts 1 and 2 at that time. Don't forget to find your books and do your homework, CAPers! Thanks!!

The Annual Lutheran Bowling Tournament – dates are set for Saturday, March 24th (for the singles and doubles events), and Sunday March 25th (for the team event) for this fun, fellowship opportunity away. The location for the bowling tournament this year is FonduLac, WI. The cost is \$18/event you participate in; and there are both a men's and a women's bracket. If are interested in participating, please contact Pete Burditt (burdittp@yahoo.com, or 262-654-5982) by January 15th.

Tuesday Bible Study - If you attend the Tuesday Morning Bible Study, and are able & willing to pick up a Mt. Zion Member to join the class, please contact the church office (office@mtzionwi.org). This member is located at: 6808 - 56th Court, Kenosha, WI 53142. Thank you for your help!!!

Christmas Decorations - Christmas tree & decorations will come down Saturday, January 7th at 10:00 a.m. anyone available to assist please mark you calendar – if you have any questions, please contact Chris Demo

Mt. Zion Young Adults - Are you in the ages of 19-26? On Thursday, January 12 at 7:30pm, you are invited to come to Pastor B's place!! There will be a free dinner. This will be held in the “community room” at Pastor B's apartment complex. Consider this a place to catch your breath and relax from your busy week. I would also like to have this opportunity with you to watch a short faith-based video presentation. Contact Pastor B for directions. Thank you for your time and I hope to see you there!!

Teen Group - We are going Cosmic bowling at Guttormsen's on Friday, January 13th from 9pm to midnight. The cost is \$12. Sign up in the back if you are interested!

New BIC Class to Begin - We plan to begin another session of this Bible Information Class (BIC) to go over the basic doctrines of the Christian faith in January, since we have a group that is ready to start. There is no cost or obligation for attending this study, which does serve as a pre-communion and membership class IF people are interested in that (and they don't have to be to attend – they might just want to learn more about the Christian faith). The new class will be held on Tuesdays at 6pm here at church, starting January 17th. If you know of someone who might be interested in this class, please contact Pastor Bergemann.

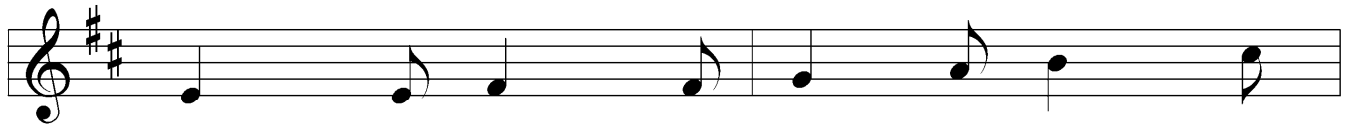
708 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year



1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year With
 2 Re - mem - ber now the Son of God And
 3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; This
 4 His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The
 5 With him as Lord to lead our way In



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6 "All glory be to God on high,
 And peace on earth!" the angels cry.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
 Another year of grace.

7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
 To all our pleas incline your ear;
 Upon our lives rich blessing trace
 In this new year of grace.