

### THIS WEEK AT ZION

**SUNDAY** 8:00 am Traditional Worship  
 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class  
 9:15 am Adult Confirmation  
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

**MONDAY** No School  
 5:30 pm New Year's Eve Worship †

**TUESDAY** No School / Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY** 6:30 am Women's Bible Class @ Cronks  
 10:00 am Board of Stewardship

**THURSDAY** 10:00 am Bible Class  
 1:00 pm Nifty Needles  
 7:00 pm Evening Guild

**FRIDAY** 6:30 am Men's Bible Class @ Cronks  
 7:30 am Prayer Party  
 1:30 pm Ladies' Aid

**SATURDAY** 6:30 pm Traditional Worship

**SUNDAY** 8:00 am Traditional Worship †  
 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class  
 9:15 am Adult Confirmation  
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship †  
 6:00 pm Junior & Senior Youth Group

### This Week's Bible Verses:

Sunday - Luke 2:41-52  
 Monday - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
 Tuesday - Proverbs 1:1-7  
 Wednesday - 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
 Thursday - Colossians 3:12-17  
 Friday - James 3:13-18  
 Saturday - Psalm 148  
 Sunday - Matthew 2:1-12



**Please sign the Ritual of Friendship  
 Book located in the pew!**

### Serving This Week

Dec. 29 6:30	Elder: Jim Asmus Projector: <b>Volunteer Needed</b> Ushers: Jeff Arn, Jason Arn, Jim Neumann	Acolyte: <b>Volunteer Needed</b> Greeters: Dick & Hilda Frank
Dec. 30 8:00	Elder: Brian Christensen Projector: <b>Volunteer Needed</b> Ushers: Mike Krajicek, Mike Bunde	Acolyte: <b>Volunteer Needed</b> Greeters: Butch & Marlene Munson
Dec. 30 10:30	Elder: Trevor Gress Projector: <b>Volunteer Needed</b> Ushers: Jim Segebart, Pete Segebart, William Smith, Nate Smith	Acolyte: <b>Volunteer Needed</b> Greeters: Ryan & Kelly Sonnichsen Family

### Serving Next Week

Jan. 5 6:30	Elder: Projector: Carson Wight Ushers: Chuck Ettleman, Brian Ettleman, Gage Miller, Gavin Miller	Acolyte: Colton Neumann Greeters: Dick & Hilda Frank, Summer Lamaak
Jan. 6 8:00	Elders: Kent Hollrah, Dave Nemitz Projector: Lauren Bowker Ushers: Marc Gosch, David Gosch, Chris Gosch, Matt Gosch, Joel Gustafson, Hugo Boettger	Acolyte: Brady Lutz Greeters: Karla Moeller, Kim Gustafson, Ashlyn Herrig
10:30	Elders: Mark Feller, Kieth Osborn Projector: Michelle Friedrichsen Ushers: Marc Meyer, Holly Meyer, Jeff Mengwasser, Dave Hidding, Quincy Mahrt	Acolyte: Brittany Krajicek Greeters: Greg & Lori Wehle, Morgan Winey



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**First Sunday  
 after Christmas  
 December 29 & 30, 2018**

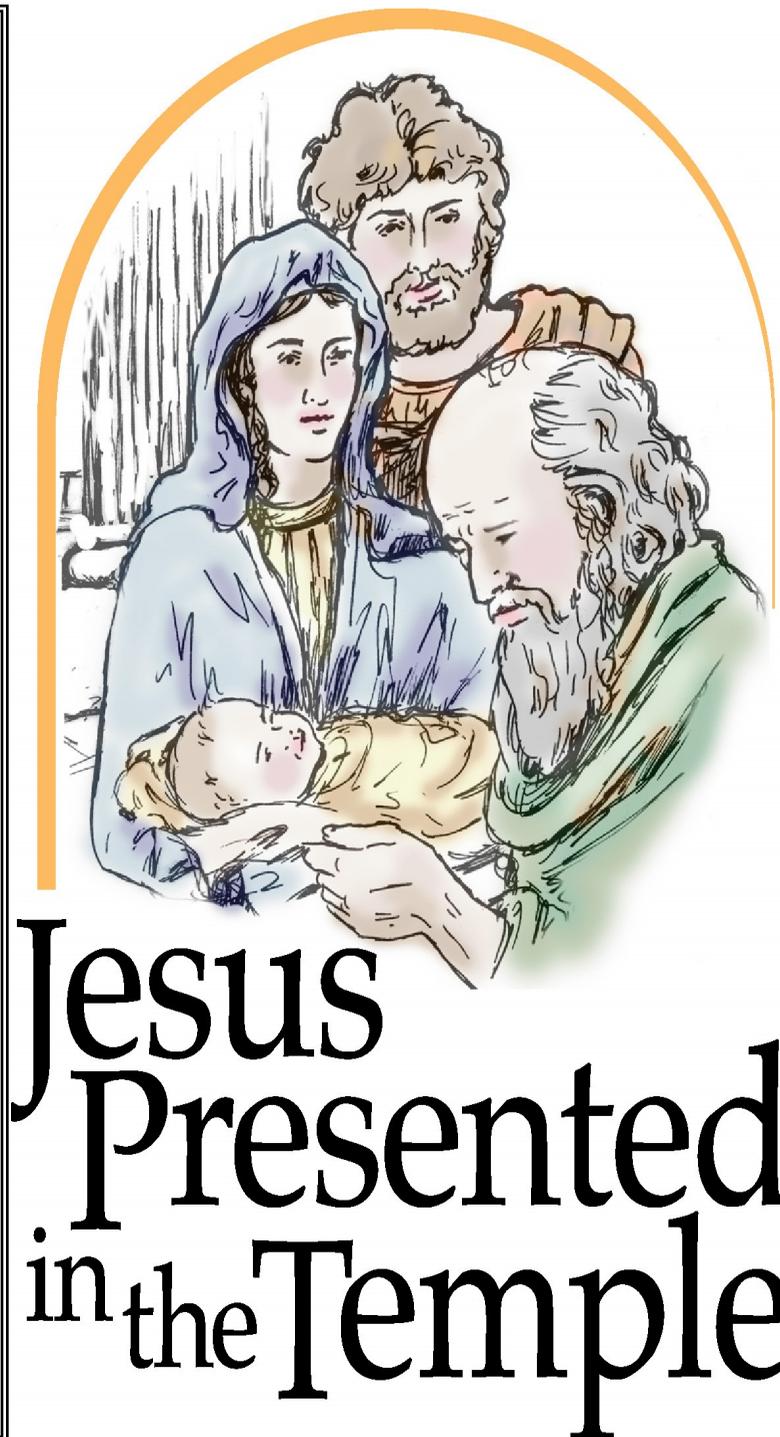


### Last Week Statistics:

Attendance: 271  
 Communion: 62  
 Offering: \$35,055.15

### Hymns:

6:30 - 367, 389 (vs. 1,2,4,6,7),  
 806, 813, 936, 924  
 8:00 - 367, 389 (vs. 1,2,4,6,7),  
 806, 924  
 Divine Service,  
 Setting One, Pg. 151



**Jesus  
 Presented  
 in the Temple**

**As We Gather...** Luke is the only Gospel that tells us about Jesus' childhood. It's not easy to understand how He grew up. Jesus as a human being experienced growth. He asked questions. The mother of Jesus also grew in her understanding of Him. Like the child Jesus, and His mother Mary, we, too, grow in our lives of faith. As you look at your life of faith, where do you think you have grown in wisdom and in your relationship to God and others?

**Stewardship Corner...** Luke 2:38 – “And 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.” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?

**Did you know?** Zion collects General Mills Box Tops, used (small) printer ink cartridges, Pizza Ranch wagon wheels and even used cell phones? These can all be brought to the Zion office. Thank you for your support!

**Interested in membership at Zion?** Please let one of the pastors or the Zion office know if you are considering membership.

**Zion Office** will be closed on Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's Day and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ILSTO** The Iowa Lutheran Student Tuition Organization has raised 90% of its goal as of December 25. The deadline is December 31 to give a gift, but please call first to make sure credits are available. You will receive a 65% tax credit on your Iowa taxes. Call Dewey at 712-260-2991 or visit [www.iowalutheransto.org](http://www.iowalutheransto.org).

**Channel 13** Sponsored in memory of Evelyn Reimers' birthday, given by Wilbur Reimers. Call the Zion office for sponsorship opportunities. Shown at 4:30 p.m. on Sundays on local cable channel 121.2 (HD).

**Thy Strong Word** Listen to KDSN (107.1 FM) for these 3-4 minute devotions (Mon.-Sat.) at 6:25 a.m. This week's speaker is Rev. Andrew Johnson, Trinity, Manilla.

**Building Healthy Families:** Have any New Year's resolutions this year? Look around; ask God to open your eyes. Who has He put in your life who needs the gift of your time and attention? Resolve to give it! Happy New Year from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! (Lutheran Family Service of Iowa - Lynnette Aschinger (712-276-9000).

### Old Testament Reading

The Lord said to Moses, “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

**Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15**

### Epistle Reading

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Colossians 3:12-17**

### Holy Gospel Reading

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now 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. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And 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, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And 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 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” And 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, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And 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. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**Luke 2:22-40**



**For Healing...** Bob Wiedmann, Florence Poggensee, Ted Miller, Ron Kelm, Gary Greder, Isla Huebner (*Names will be carried on the list for 3 weeks. Please call the office if you would like a name on for an additional 3 weeks.*)

**Happy Birthday to...** Tonya Eller, Tina Gress, Caden Herbst, John Keim, Dustin Moeller, Barb Preul, Ambrose Sharp, Karen Ahrenholtz, Marley Boettger, Alexa Reimers, Jill Forst, Brian Kempfert, Bev Kracht, Ervin Lutz, Jerry Meyer, KLynn Slechta, Marlene Anderson, Teresa Barnes, Steven Schurke, Beverly Winn, Robert Wulf, Lorraine Groth, Brian Knudsen, Markita Mujica, Joe Rank, Donna Ahart, Kia Coenen, Scott Hast, Diane Poggensee, Keira Hartwig, Brad Scott

**Happy Anniversary to...** Mark & Pat Jorgensen, Marc & Sharon Gosch

**Families and Zion Staff including...** Nate, Rachel, Cadence & Gracelynn Desy, Kevin & Bev Fink, Dave, Cris, Kelsey & Kara Hidding, Barb Block, Brent & Brittany Krajicek and P.J., Julie, Raine & Audrey Meneough