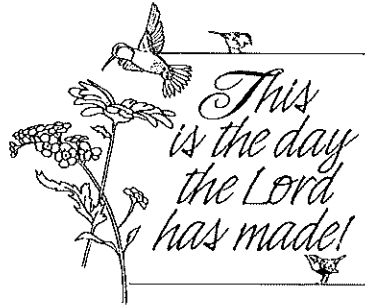


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
210 North Wayne Street  
Saint Mary, Ohio 45885

July 19, 2020  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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### ATTENTION ALL WORSHIPERS AT ZION

My friends in Christ: Because of the Coronavirus, we have made some changes in our worship procedures for the health and safety of all who worship at Zion. If you are a visitor, we really are glad you are worshipping with us today and we do not wish to appear to be unfriendly, but your health and safety are our concern as well, and we hope you will understand why we may not shake your hand.

- **Instead of shaking hands or giving hugs at the Passing of the Peace, greet your neighbor verbally.**
- **Instead of holding hands for the "Post-Communion Blessing" we will simply stand as it is given.**
- **I will not be in back on your way out of service so people can exit out of the church with ease.**

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Bill

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PRELUDE

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Insert

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive 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.

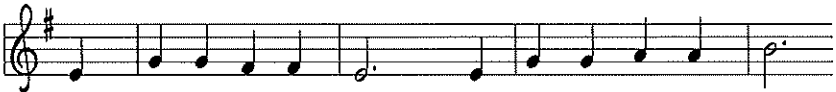
- P** In the mercy of almighty God,  
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
 and by his authority,  
 I therefore declare to you  
 the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
 in the name of the Father,  
 and of the + Son,  
 and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**GREETING**

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.
- C:** And also with you.

**KYRIE**

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;  
 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"  
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;  
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
 "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
 and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Insert

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

Insert

## PSALM 119:57-64

Insert

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-27

Insert

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"* Insert

NICENE CREED

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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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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**P** Lord in your mercy...

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Moment of Truth*

Megargel

**DIALOGUE**

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

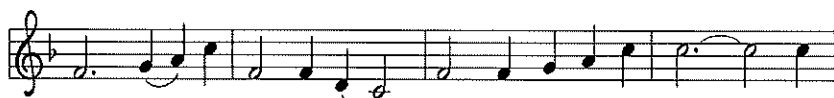
**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

## COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.  
 The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
 C Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*"When Peace like a River"*

Insert

*"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"*

Insert

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING



**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Holy and Eternal God, you have fed, nourished, and forgiven us at your holy table. Send us now into the world to share the good news of your salvation with all we meet, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P Pray in the Spirit at all times so that you may discern the will of God. Keep alert as you walk in faith. Speak with the boldness of the apostles who came before you so that all might know the good news. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

*"This Is My Father's World"*

Insert

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Creations Praise*

Eliot

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Happy  
Anniversary!

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Ed & Linda!**

*Altar flowers given to the Glory of God by  
Ed and Linda Yahl in honor of their 50th  
Wedding Anniversary on July 18.*

*A pair of roses have also been placed on  
the altar in honor of their anniversary.*

**Happy Birthday Andrew!**

*The Chancel Flowers our given to the  
Glory of God in celebration of Andrew  
Slemmons' birthday on July 22 by  
Dan and Cheryl Macklem.*



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**Today, July 19\***

**Acolytes:** Zoey Henning, Kirstyn Opperman

**Communion Assistants:** Chris White, Jody Slemmons

Sheila Westrick, Allison Ackroyd

**Crucifers:** Bella Torsell, Savannah Slater

**Ushers:** Connie & Mark Torsell, Kermit Hecht & Darl Bishir

**Greeters:** Ryan & Brandy Yahl, Ralph & Carol Peyton

**Readers:** Linda Decker, Dwayne Hoenie

**Next Sunday, July 26\***

**Acolytes:** Bennett Glass, Katie Mertz

**Ushers:** Connie & Mark Torsell, Kermit Hecht & Darl Bishir

**Greeters:** John & Amy Hesse, Phyllis Lutterbeck & Cheryl Macklem

**Readers:** Steve McAfee, Darl Bishir

\*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE .....	Last Wednesday: 35
..... Sunday 8:00: 44, 10:30: 47, Total for Day: 91	
..... Total for Week: 126	
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## Calendar for July 19—August 2, 2020

S/19	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
T/21	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Committee Meeting
W/22	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship*
T/23	9:00 a.m.	Women's Workday
S/25	9:00 a.m.	Outside Workday
S/26	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service/College Scholarship Recognition
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service/College Scholarship Recognition
T/28	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/29	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship
T/30	9:00 a.m.	Workday
S/1	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/2	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*

*\*Holy Communion*

## Memory Verse

Matthew 13:30

*Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned but gather the wheat into my barn.""*

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**We invite you** to include the following people in your daily prayers: Larry Wilkins, Janet Dicke, Tanner Fortman, Judy Von Blon, Marvin Opperman, Juli Clark, Brent Paulus, Jo Ann Cooper, Becky Olberding, Adam Poe, Judy Howell, Debbie Fishbaugh, Terry Teeters, Connie Claybaker, Dave Vogel, Richard Finke, Gary Katterheinrich, Rob Poe, Bob Lutz, Kevin Schipman, Sandi Deerhake, Lisa Sergent Tackett, John Hesse, Barbara Lutz, and all those living with or around the Corona virus.

**Please pray** for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Eli Handy, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Brad Platt, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac, IV, and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

**The family of** Paula Ankerman would like to thank everyone for the expression of Christian sympathy on the passing of her father, Jon Johnson. The cards, calls, thoughts and prayers were all deeply appreciated.

**Our loose offerings** each Sunday and Wednesday for the month of **July** are earmarked to support the missions of the Matthew 25 organization.

**Can you play** an organ, flute, etc or sing a solo? Volunteer to play or sing special music during the service by calling Merilee at 419-953-9046.

**We can have Workday!** So, the rest of the Thursdays in **July & August** we will be knotting blankets and making up Health, School and Baby kits. We will be working on them from 9:00 a.m. to around 11:30 a.m.

**The trustees** will be hosting a Workday on **Saturday, July 25** at 9 a.m. You are invited to help with trimming bushes and shrubs and edging sidewalks. Bring your own tools. Sign up on your “I Worshipped Today” to let us know you are coming.

**College Schlorships:** The scholarship committee met and was able to award college scholarship to the following students: Isabella Torsell, Rebecca Stetler, Cindy Stetler, Zachary Hesse and Samantha Ackroyd. A service to recognizing these students will be held on **Sunday, July 26**.

**Mission Action Projects for 2020** Along with LWR (Lutheran World Relief) we will be adding NALC Disaster Response Needs to our mission this year. We will be putting out one list for both of them. They are almost the same. The donation of supplies will then be divided between the two of them. You can bring your donations to church anytime. We would like to have some of the Kits ready to go with the Flood buckets for NALC that can go anytime. LWR will still be going out in October. List of items are found on the insert in this bulletin.

**Our 8 a.m. worship service** is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

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Weekly Needs	Budget Y-T-D	Received 7/13	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$182,812	\$7,329	\$163,107	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$8,120	\$55	\$2,850	
Bank Balance as of 7/13:		\$59,033 Included in balance is Payroll Protection Plan		

# Listening for the Promise

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—July 19, 2020

*“Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. . . .’” (Matthew 13:28–30)*

Our churches are far from pure because they are full of sinners like us. But there are differences among sinners. Some sinners are believers while others are not. Thus, the state of the church as we experience it is mixed.

For a church that is focused upon discipleship and evangelism, this is a good thing. We truly hope that unbelievers will attend our churches so that God may touch them through his Word. There is no problem with overt unbelievers attending our churches. The problems come when covert unbelievers sow strife and dissention among us.

Jesus says that our situation is like a wheat field into which an enemy has sown some weeds. As the plants grow up, the wheat and the weeds exist side-by-side in the same field. This leaves the farmer with two bad options. Either he can leave the weeds in place and allow them to hamper the growth of the wheat. Or he can pluck the weeds out and uproot the wheat along with them. Of these two options, leaving the weeds in place is the lesser evil.

We generally follow this prudent course in our churches. We don't excommunicate people for little things. After all, within the church the lives of believers and unbelievers are intertwined, just like the wheat and the weeds in the field. Accordingly, when we remove a bad actor, we may well uproot many other people at the same time. Thus, excommunication is an option that we use only in extreme cases where toleration places the church in greater danger than removal. But this does not mean that we should ignore bad behavior. We may lovingly confront, reprove, and correct others (2 Timothy 3:16). Jesus gives us a process for doing precisely this (Matthew 18:15–18). When we do this lovingly, we not only seek to change bad behavior, but we also seek to promote the conversion and/or spiritual growth of the perpetrator. After all, we are all weeds by nature, but God is in the business of turning pernicious weeds into bountiful wheat!

**Prayer:** Lord, give us the courage and the wisdom to handle conflict in a way that unifies and strengthens your church. Amen.