

**“ON THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH.”**

MATTHEW 16:18

**"YOU ARE THE
MESSIAH,
THE SON OF THE
LIVING
GOD"**

Matthew 16:16, NRSV

Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne St.

St. Marys, OH 45885

August 23, 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

PRELUDE

The Gift to be Simple

arr. Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Built on a Rock"

Insert

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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.

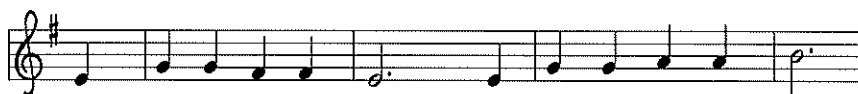
- P In the mercy of almighty God,
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
 and by his authority,
 I therefore declare to you
 the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father,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

GREETING

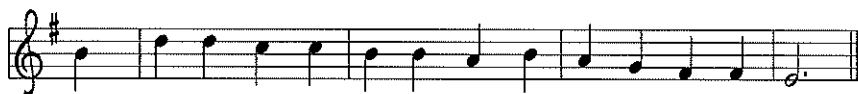
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
 the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

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 51:1-6

Insert

PSALM 138

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33—12:8

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 sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Insert

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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

This Savior Mine

by Martin

*I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine*

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.

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

"Majesty"

Insert

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Cappelen

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Happy Birthday Stanley

*The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God in honor of Stanley
Brown's birthday on August 26th.*



The baby rose is in honor of the birth of a
daughter, Jenna Rose
to Caleb & Amber Yahl

THE BABY ROSE

We recognize God's miracle of life as we place the Baby Rose on our altar and remember the family in prayer.

The Baby Rose begins life as a small bud, gradually unfolds and grows to a beautiful flower, ever looking upward to the Lord. May the life of this child grow in the Lord, so that love and faith may be evident to all who come near the child. May the rose remind the parents that although God has given them this child, it is not theirs to keep, but theirs to love, nurture, and teach until the Lord calls that life home to Him.

Today, August 23*

Acolytes: Chloe Gibson, Jacob Sharp

Ushers: Steve & Dora McAfee, Doug Stetler & Dana Cook

Greeters: Dora & Steve McAfee, Ralph & Carol Peyton

Readers: Kathy Langsdon, Kay Lauth

Next Sunday, August 30*

Acolytes: Katie Mertz, Elias Poe

Communion Assistants: Jeanne Wurster & John Hesse

Pam Fledderjohann & Darl Bishir

Crucifers: Clara Poe, Savannah Slater

Ushers: Judy Schultz & John Hesse

Sandy Wierwille & John Ankerman

Greeters: Brandy & Ryan Yahl

Phyllis Lutterbeck & Cheryl Macklem

Readers: Vic Von Blon, Liz Ackroyd

**Subject to change, correct as of time printed*

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: 25
.....	Sunday 8 a.m.: 43, 10:30 a.m.: 53, Total for the Day: 96
.....	Total for the Week: 121
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Calendar for August 23—September 6, 2020

S/23	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
T/25	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/26	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
T/27	9:00 a.m.	Workday
S/30	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
M/31	5:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
T/1	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Club 15
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/2	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
S/6	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 16:18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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, Terry Teeters, Debbie Fishbaugh, Jack Rouhier, Carol Singleton, Don Deitsch, Carla Sprague, Kevin Schipman, Sandi Deerhake, Lisa Sergent Tackett, Connie Claybaker, Gary Katterheinrich, Dylan Koenig, Bonnie Binkley, Rob Poe, Bob Lutz, Winnie Lawson, Pastor Tim Benjamin, John Hesse, Barbara Franks, Janice Daugherty, Phyllis Lutterbeck, the Family of Kerry Rodgers, the Family of Edwin Voisard, 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.

Our loose offerings each Sunday and Wednesday for the month of **August** are earmarked for Filling Home of Mercy in Napoleon, Ohio.

Bible Study Starting in September: Wednesday Evening - **September 9**, at 7 p.m. or Thursday Afternoon **September 10**, at 2 p.m. The first 3 months we will finish the book of James. The last 6 months we will study the Apostles' Creed. If you need either study book, James or Apostles' Creed please contact the church office or Becky Harvey, 419-305-7909, by **Monday, August 24**.

Again, if you have any questions concerning this Bible Study, contact Becky Harvey.

Women's Fellowship will start back up on **Monday, September 14**, at 7 p.m. in rooms 101-105 (across from Multit-Purpose Room). They will continue their study. If you would like to join this group and do not have a book, please let the office know so a book can be ordered.

Sunday School Update: This year we will *not* be kicking off our Sunday School year in September. Currently, we are hoping to have the Sunday School Kick-off in October. Parents watch your email for a survey about Sunday School this year.

OCC Reminder: Operation Christmas Child will be collecting shoeboxes again this year and Zion will be a drop off center in November during National Collection Week. The logistics for how that will be done are still being figured out amid COVID. We have not received any information yet regarding the Processing Center so that is unknown as of now. Please be reminded, as school time rolls around, this is a great time to find good bargains for school supplies for the boxes you intend to pack. Franklin Graham has stated that in these days the need is greater than ever for children around the world to learn to know Jesus.

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.

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.

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Weekly Needs	Budget Y-T-D	Received 8/16	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$215,457	\$6,900	\$191,641	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$9,570	\$6,055	\$9,255	
Bank Balance as of 7/26:		\$61,420—Includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds		

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - August 23, 2020

[Jesus] said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

How many people in this world do you really, truly know? Maybe a handful? Maybe one or two? Sometimes it's hard enough knowing ourselves, let alone others. Just when you think you know someone, they reveal something about themselves that either shocks or delights you. Knowing those we love and care for can be a life-long endeavor.

Jesus wanted to know what people were saying about him, but more than that, he really wanted to know if his closest friends and disciples knew who he was. As the men reported back to the Lord what others were saying about him, "some say you are John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the other prophets," Jesus challenged them asking, "But who do YOU say that I am?" Simon Peter got this one right! "You are the Messiah, the chosen one of Israel, the Christ we've been waiting for." Well, he didn't exactly say all that, but he did get the right answer. Jesus told him that it was the Holy Spirit who provided that response, but congratulations none-the-less.

Peter's confession of faith was rewarded with a phrase that has often been read into, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." Simon's nickname, "Peter," is "rock" in Aramaic. In the early church this was taken to be a justification for the papacy. Whether you believe that part or not is beside the point. The point is really about his confession of faith which would be used by Christ as the foundation of the nascent church.

We are called to make this same confession when asked, “Who do you say Jesus is?” There are many phrases that answer that and each of them is an acknowledgment of who Jesus is, to us and the world, and what anchors us to his life-giving, self-sacrificing love. “He is my Lord.” “He is the Savior!” “He is my all in all!” However we say it when we are queried is the very rock that Christ builds his church upon. Two thousand years ago the rock was Peter, Paul, James, John, Thomas, Mary, Martha, and the rest. Today it’s you, me, our neighbors, friends, church family and saints all around the world who have been built into the Living Stone, the solid rock foundation of the Bride of Christ! Don’t complicate it too much. Take Jesus at his word and know that he gives you the faith you need to confess him as Lord and on your confession he builds his church. He does this! Amen.

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