



**"If anyone
would come after me,
he must deny himself and
take up his cross
and follow me."**

MARK 8:34, NIV

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

August 30, 2020
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

Setting 10

PRELUDE

Prelude on Repton

by Schreiber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

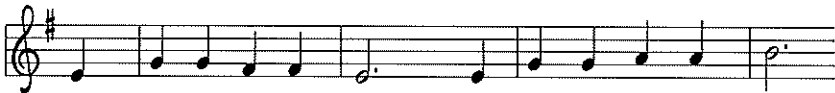
- P** In the mercy of almighty God,
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
 and by his authority,
 I therefore declare to you
 the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father,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

GREETING

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Insert

PSALM 26

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

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 16th 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 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

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

Someone's Praying Lord

arr. Wagner

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

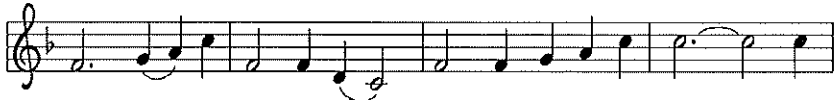
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored 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

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

Insert

"What Feast of Love"

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

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

Insert

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord on High

by Sawyer

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Memory Verse

Matthew 16:26

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Dan & Cheryl Macklem's 42nd Wedding Anniversary on August 31st.

A pair of roses have been placed on the altar in honor of Jack & Jo Rouhier's 69th Wedding Anniversary on September 2nd.

Today, 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

Next Sunday, September 6*

Acolytes: Genevieve Brown, Bennett Glass

Communion Assistants: Mark & Connie Torsell

Dan & Cheryl Macklem

Crucifers: Morgan Hesse, Clara Poe

Ushers: New Schedule Out Soon

Greeters: John & Amy Hesse, Joni Immenschuh & Sandy Wierwille

Readers: Linda Decker, Stan Brown

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Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 30, 2020

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

– Matthew 16:24–25–

When I was very young (in 1974), there used to be commercials on television for the Prudential Insurance Company. The jingle went like this, “Get a piece of the rock!” They were selling an insurance that you could count on. It was rock solid. It was foundational to your well-being. In one of these commercials the narrator says, “This is Mr. Finnegan, he’s seldom satisfied and often disappointed.” Turns out though that Mr. Finnegan actually liked Prudential Life Insurance. He addresses the camera and says, “When I find something I like, I stick with it!” Cue the music once more, “Get a piece of the rock!”

Jesus told Peter, nicknamed “the rock,” that He was going to have to suffer at the hands of men, be crucified, and on the third day rise. Peter didn’t want to hear it. The “rock” on whom Jesus would build his church was now waffling. We humans do that, quite often, when it comes to suffering. We’re not good at suffering. Jesus went on to explain that if any want to follow him they must be willing to take up their cross. Our cross is Jesus’ cross. When we follow him we enter into situations where our faith is tried and tested. But no matter what happens, we put our trust in our sure and solid foundation which is Jesus. Peter may have been called “the rock,” but Jesus is the boulder! Peter is more like a piece of THE Rock – Jesus.

Martin Luther said it this way in a sermon he gave on this text. He points us to the source of the real benefits, Jesus. “So now you might say, does not Christ say here, ‘You are Peter,’ and ‘upon this rock I will build My church?’ So you must understand that here Peter is called a rock and Christ is also a rock. For Christ is the whole rock and Peter a piece of the rock, just as surely as Christ. For what is attributed to us for the sake of our fellowship with Him is that we also have a Christian nature on us. He is good so we are also good. He is righteous and we also. Everything He has and can do we can also boast is ours.”

So, we can get a piece of the rock (Peter) or we can get a piece of THE Rock (Jesus). And when we find something we like (that brings us salvation and a right relationship with God) we stick with it! Amen.

Calendar for August 30—September 13, 2020

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	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
T/1	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	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*
M/7	Office Closed to Observe Labor Day	
T/8	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/9	9:30 a.m.	Women's Council Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
S/12	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/13	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*

**Holy Communion*



ATTENDANCE:

Last Wednesday, August 19: 26

August 23, Sun. 8 a.m.: 33, 10:30 a.m.: 50, Total for the Day: 83

Total for Week: 109

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, Janice Daugherty, Pastor Tim Benjamin, John Hesse, Barbara Franks, Phyllis Lutterbeck, the Family of Kerry Rodgers, the Family of Edward 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.

Labor Day, Monday, September 7, the church office will be closed.

The Zion Women's yearly elections will take place after each of the services on **Wednesday, September 9**, and **Sunday, September 13**. The names on the ballot for Chair are Jane Hiles and Nora Staunton; the names on the ballot for Secretary are Deb

Brown and Sandy Wierwille. Pastor will introduce each of them at the services on the day of the voting process. Women will be given a ballot when entering the church, and then they can place the ballot in the box upon leaving the service.

Women's Fellowship will start back up on **Monday, September 14**, at 7 p.m., in rooms 101-105 (across from All-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.

Date Change: The Bible Studies starting in September will now be Wednesday Evening - **September 16**, at 7 p.m., or Thursday Afternoon **September 17**, at 2 p.m.

Sola would like to see if there is interest in doing a collaborative online Bible Study. The book would be "Not My Will, But Yours" and Pastor Steve King would lead it with us coming alongside the rest of the group in Zoom. The only cost would be the book. They are thinking of Monday evenings at 7p.m., for six weeks, beginning the first Monday in October, **October 5**. Pastor Bill plans to participate in this study. If you are interested, please call the church office, 419-394-3115, or jot down a note on your "I Worshiped Today".

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. 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.

Weekly Needs	Budget Y-T-D	Received 8/16	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$221,986	\$5,5775.577	\$63,422	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$9,860	\$65	\$9,320	
Bank Balance as of 7/26: \$63,422—includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds				

