

Zion Lutheran Church  
210 North Wayne St.  
St. Marys, OH 45885

September 13, 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      *Brethren We Have Met to Worship*      arr. Kidwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In joy and thanksgiving we begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is covered. Let us take time to reflect on our deep need for God's forgiveness and mercy in our lives. (Psalm 32:1)

*(Silence for self-reflection and examination)*

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**



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

Genesis 50:15-21

Insert

## PSALM 103:1-12

Insert

## SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

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 eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Bill

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *"Our Father, We Have Wandered"*

Insert

**HOLY BAPTISM OF CHARLOTTE JEAN MERRICLE & NEW MEMBERS (10:30)**

Insert

**APOSTLES' CREED (8:00)**

**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**

*The Call*

Wagner

*Come my way, my truth, my life*

*Such a way as gives us breath; such a way as ends all strife*

**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**

*"Thine the Amen"*

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**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*I Will Exalt in the Lord*

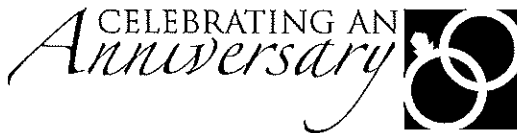
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*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Randi Macklem Slemmons, whose birthday is September 14<sup>th</sup>.*



*Two sets of roses have been placed on the altar in honor of anniversaries.*

- *Fritz and Nancy Vogel's 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 12<sup>th</sup>.*
  - *Bill & Marilyn Nedderman's 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 13<sup>th</sup>.*
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***Today, September 13\****

**Acolytes:** Veronica Mertz, Kirstyn Opperman

**Ushers:** Rhonda Weaver & Deb Henning  
Sandy Wierwille & Dan Macklem

**Greeters:** Becky Harvey & Sandy Wierwille, Gary & Deb Orr

**Readers:** Donna Decker, Sheila Westrick

***Next Sunday, September 20\****

**Acolytes:** Bennett Glass, Jake Ackroyd

**Communion Assistants:** Chris White, Jody Slemmons  
Allison Ackroyd, Sheila Westrick

**Crucifers:** Zach Hesse, Ella Glass

**Ushers:** Connie & Mark Torsell  
Keith Fledderjohann, Doug Stetler

**Greeters:** Judy Schultz & Vic Von Blon, Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie

**Readers:** Doris Cook, Liz Ackroyd

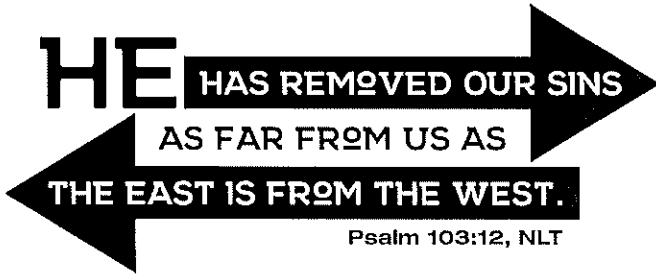
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**Memory Verse**

Romans 14:8

*For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*





ATTENDANCE ..... Last Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: 39  
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 39, 10:30 a.m.: 46, Total for the Day: 85  
..... Total for the Week: 124  
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CHURCH OFFICE..... 419-394-3115

## Calendar for September 13-27, 2020

S/13	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
M/14	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Study
T/15	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
W/16	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
	7:00 p.m.	James Bible Study
	T/17	9:00 a.m.
	2:00 p.m.	James Bible Study
S/20	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
M/21	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Study
T/22	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/23	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/27	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service

*\*Holy Communion*

**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, Adam Poe, Judy Howell, Terry Teeters, Debbie Fishbaugh, Jack Rouhier, Carol Singleton, Don Deitsch, Carla Sprague, Connie Claybaker, Gary Katterheinrich, Dylan Koenig, Bonnie Binkley, Rob Poe, Bob Lutz, Janice Daugherty, Rick Moyar, Nancy Vogel, John Hesse, Barbara Franks, Family of Phyllis Lutterbeck, Family of Harold Knatz, the Family of Jody Gloeckner 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 **September** are earmarked for North West Ohio Mission District.

**Christian Sympathy** to the Family of Phyllis Lutterbeck and the Family of Harold Knatz.

**We welcome** Allen, LeeAnn and Charlotte Merricle into the Zion Church Family today. We also celebrate Charlotte's baptism today.

**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.

**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.

**Workday** for September will be **Thursday, September 17**. We will be knotting blankets. The Lutheran Work Relief blankets and kits will be delivered to Fort Wayne, Indiana on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We would also like to have a Workday on **Thursday, October 1**, to finish up what blankets we have.

**The Warm Winter Coat and Glove Drive** will begin on **Monday, September 21** and run thru Sunday, November 1. Once again Agape Ministries will be collecting New & Gently used winter coats and this year, they will also be collecting New waterproof winter gloves. We soon will have a barrel to collect coats and gloves. They can also be dropped off at Agape Ministries but please let them know it is for the coat drive and not to be sold in the store.

**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 mark your "I Worshiped Today".

**The Flower Chart** is available on the bulletin board by the alley entrance. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the Tuesday before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and contact the church office, 419-394-3115, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. Upcoming dates available: **October 11 & 18 and November 1 & 22**.

**Sunday School Update:** This year we will *not* be kicking off our Sunday School year in September. Date has not been determined yet.

**Annual Congregational Meeting Update:** Our annual meeting will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, November 1**, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

**Due to the COVID 19** virus and all its restrictions, the Women of Zion have cancelled their plans for hosting the 70 & Over Dinner this fall. The dinner was originally scheduled for Sunday, October 4.

**Our Men in Mission are collecting supplies for flood buckets.** This is a year-round project, to have buckets available for when a disaster happens. *Flood Buckets and Supplies:* 1 Gallon of Bleach, 3 Black Trash Bags, Cleaning Liquid (Murphy's, Pine Sol, Etc.), Comet, Scrub Brush, Dust Masks (N-95), and Gloves. The buckets and lids have been supplied for you. The list of items to fill the bucket are taped to each bucket. Pick up a bucket and fill it with the required supplies and return it to the church.

**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.

**We would like to remind** you that we offer electronic giving for when you can't make it to church. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You can visit the church website at [www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org), locate the donation link on the homepage and follow the instructions.

## 2020 Church Council

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*\*Committee Chairperson*

Weekly Needs	Budget Y-T-D	Received 9/6	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$235,044	\$5,925	\$207,798	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$10,440	\$75	\$9,450	
Bank Balance as of 9/6:				
		\$61,410—Includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds		

# *Listening for the Promise*

Weekly Devotional

**Pentecost 15 - September 13, 2020**

*Then Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"*

*- Matthew 18:21 -*

Forgiveness is one of the hardest parts of the faith we struggle with, probably because our memories are long. We are capable of harboring a grudge longer than we can stick with most anything else. Good thing for us that God is not like that! He has an even longer memory, to be sure, but his mercy endures forever. We need Jesus to help us in the forgiveness department. When we seem to be unable to pardon someone who has hurt us, sometimes we simply need to give it over to Jesus who will help us let go of the pain of betrayal.

In Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant, however, Christ shows us our own stubbornness and hard-heartedness, just in case we think we are purely victims of other people's sin. A man who had a huge debt was forgiven but when it came time to forgive another who owed him a debt, he became self-righteous and demanding. Can we put ourselves in his place? The fact is that we have a long memory for being wronged by others but our recollection of times we have injured someone else is fleetingly short. Our emotions get the best of us at times and all we can see are our own injuries and not the ones we have inflicted on others.

Jesus told Peter that forgiving someone who wronged him was something we are called to do repeatedly. Not just seven times, but as many as it takes! The kingdom of God is founded on forgiveness and where there is no forgiveness, there is no kingdom. It's not

about our own rights or receiving justice for being wronged. As followers of Jesus it is about pure pardon, grace upon grace, and service to our neighbor. This is a hard pill to swallow indeed, and we can come up with a million reasons why we are exempt from the command to forgive, but Jesus is clear, "If you want to be forgiven, you must practice forgiveness."

Our Lord modeled this perfectly for us on the cross of Calvary. He forgave those who nailed him to cross between two thieves. He pardoned his friends for abandoning him in his direst hour. He will help us forgive when we are betrayed so that we can be free to live fully in his glorious kingdom. Amen.

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