



Welcome

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

**October 18, 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 worshiping 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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Setting 10

PRELUDE

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

by Kidwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Dora McAfee

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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.

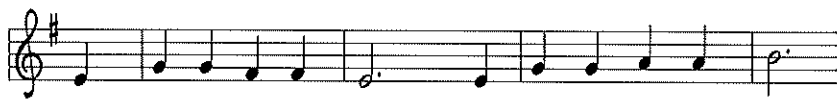
Amen.

- 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 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**



- 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 45:1-7

Insert

PSALM 96:1-13

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bert Schultz

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Blessed Assurance"*

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

*Litany of the Bells*

Baylor

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

*"I Received the Living God"*

Insert

*"We Come to the Hungry Feast"*

Insert

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING



**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Gracious God, you have gifted us with the bread and wine of this holy meal; fed us with the body and blood of your Son our Lord; forgiven us and granted us new life in Christ. Make us bold to go out in the world, serving in your name as you lead us unto paths unknown.

**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**

*“Send Forth by God’s Blessing”*

Insert

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*March in B-Flat*

Duncan

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## Memory Verse

Matthew 22:21

*They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."*

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*The Altar Flowers are given to the  
Glory of God by Dan & Cheryl  
Macklem for their church family.*

CELEBRATING AN  
*Anniversary* 

*A pair of roses have been placed on the altar in honor of Jim & Ruth  
Merriman's 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 21<sup>st</sup>.*

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***Today, October 18\****

**Acolytes:** Elias Poe, Will Ross

**Communion Assistants:** Chris White, Jody Slemmons  
Ruth Hoenie, Sheila Westrick

**Crucifers:** Kendra Rothe, Savannah Slater

**Ushers:** Rhonda Weaver, Judy Schultz,  
Sandy Wierwille, Darl Bishir

**Greeters:** John & Amy Hesse, Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie

**Readers:** Linda Yahl, Dwayne Hoenie

***Next Sunday, October 25\****

**Acolytes:** Kirstyn Opperman, Bennett Glass

**Communion Assistants:** Connie & Mark Torsell  
Ann Maki, Pam Fledderjohann

**Crucifers:** Isaac Torsell, Ella Glass

**Ushers:** Jeanne Wurster, Chris White  
Doug Stetler, Donna Ankerman

**Greeters:** Judy Schultz, Vic Von Blon  
Ralph & Carol Peyton

**Readers:** Kathy Langsdon, Darl Bishir

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

ATTENDANCE .....	Wednesday: 33
..... Sunday 8:00: 35, 10:30: 37, Total for Day: 72	
..... Total for Week: 105	
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## Calendar for October 18—November 1, 2020

S/18	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
M/19	7:00 p.m.	Sola Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout #360 Meeting
T/20	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/21	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
T/22	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal
S/25	8:00 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	10:30 p.m.	Reformation/Confirmation Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Underground
M/26	7:00 p.m.	Sola Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout #360 Meeting
T/27	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/28	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting

S/1      8:00 a.m.      All Saints' Sunday Worship Service\*  
            9:15 a.m.      Annual Congregational Meeting  
            10:30 a.m.     All Saints' Sunday Worship Service\*

*\*Holy Communion*

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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, Juli Clark, Brent Paulus, Jo Ann Cooper, Adam Poe, Judy Howell, Debbie Fishbaugh, Carol Singleton, Don Deitsch, Carla Sprague, Rob Poe, Bob Lutz, Janice Daugherty, Sandi Deerhake, Kim Peyton, Pastor Tim Smith, John Hesse, Marvin Elsass, Chad Reiher, Rick Moyer, President & Mrs. Trump, Martha Stetler, Donna Mertz, Emmy Quellhorst, Tammy, Family of Bill Stevens, Family of Jack Rouhier, Family of Marvin Opperman, Family of Betsy Armstrong, 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 **October** are earmarked for Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse.

**Christian Sympathy** to the families of Jack Rouhier and Marvin Opperman.

**A thank you and welcome** to Pastor Bert Schultz for being here today. Pastor Bill is at another church in his role as Dean of North West Ohio Mission District.

**Thanks:** Virginia Loyer has announced her retirement as our Wednesday night worship pianist. Virginia has helped Zion through the years as organist, bell choir director, choir director and historian. The congregation council encourages everyone to send Virginia a card of thanks and appreciation for all she has done. Please send the cards to 714 Lake Ave, St. Marys, OH 45885.

**Crossroads** will resume on **Sunday, October 25**, at 9:15 a.m. Location will be announced.

**Underground** will resume on **Sunday, October 25**, at 7 p.m. Underground is for youth 7th grade and up.

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

**The Warm Winter Coat and Glove Drive** has begun and will 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 have a barrel for collection. 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.

**Thank you** to our Thrivent members who have signed up to be a Thrivent Action team leader. Thrivent will be giving them money to be able to make the following possible. Thanks for signing up and shopping for the supplies.

We will be working on service projects the months of November and December. **Thursday, November 5**—making up Health kits, **Thursday, November 12**—making up School Kits, **Thursday, November 19**—making of Baby Kits, and **Thursday, December 3**—knotting blankets.

**It's time to fill the shoeboxes!** For the next few Sunday shoeboxes will be available to pick up in the narthex for you to fill with small toys, hygiene items, school supplies and a WOW item. Please shop with a specific age, 2-4, 5-9 or 10-13 for either boys or girls. This year we have new sticky labels to mark the boxes that maybe scanned with your smartphone to follow your box when you pay shipping online. Filled boxes should be returned on **Sunday, November 15**. Watch for further announcements to sign up and help during National Collection Week **November 16-23** as we learn more information about how it will be done.

**Zion Men's Workshop** – Our fledgling group has been interrupted by a leaky pipe, Covid, and summer but now it's time to start to work again. We're fortunate to have a couple big projects on our plate. We can now resume our workshop plans and the NALC has ordered the trailer for us to remodel into a disaster relief trailer for their use. Additionally, Cody Sharp has already outlined some electricity and wiring basics and in the near future we'll have a presentation on basic wood types, how they grow, and their characteristics.

Men, you are invited to join the fun on **Sunday evening, November 15**, at 7:00 in the Auditorium. We hope to see you there.

**Kit update:** We have had an amazing year. Thank you to all the ladies that helped when we opened back up from Covid 19. We made up for the months we were closed. The NALC kits went out in July and the LWR kits went out October 17. They are:

	<b>NALC</b>	<b>LWR</b>
Personal	39	35
School	40	50
Baby	34	15
Quilts	83	91
Sewing	--	3

Thanks again for everyone who helped.



**The remote Sunday School bags** are ready! They can be picked up from under the table in the narthex. The tubs are marked by age groups.

**Just a Reminder:** When giving a memorial gift, we encourage you to drop your gift into the offering plate or drop it off to the church office. You gift(s) will be acknowledged in a timely manner.

**Would you like to stay connected** to activities here at Zion via text messages? We have the opportunity to join a program to keep you informed about church-wide events or specific group events within our church (i.e. youth group or confirmation, worship team, women's and men's ministry, etc.) by a text message. Let us know if this something you would participate in, by marking YES on your I worship today--along with your cell phone #.

**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.

**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 10/11	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$267,689	\$11,160	\$238,861	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$11,890	\$105	\$9,850	
Bank Balance as of 10/12:		\$60,762—Includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds		

# *Listening for the Promise*

Weekly Devotional

**Pentecost 20 - October 18, 2020**

*“For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.”*

*- 1 Thessalonians 1:8 -*

When I was a young person, I never would have thought of myself as being a missionary. As I’ve gotten older and more mature in the faith, I have come to recognize that all of us are missionaries for Christ, even if we don’t leave our own hometown. Wherever we go, we carry with us the message of the Good News of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. It is so much a part of us that we cannot help but proclaim the goodness of the Lord and the promises that have been fulfilled in his son, Jesus.

As missionaries, each of us has a circle of influence - those people that we interact with regularly, who look with favor on us, and who listen when we speak. It is to those people that we share the news of Christ most often and most easily. These are the ones who are most receptive to the message.

As St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Thessalonica, he commended them for their “missionary” work. He described the word being spoken as a trumpet sounding a clarion call. Their faith was strong and steady, and they did the work of sharing it with those in their circle of influence. That circle was Macedonia and Achaia, and beyond.

I don’t know about your town, but where I live it’s a pretty small community when compared to the big, bustling cities that many are used to. Word spreads quickly here. Sometimes I learn about

something I did before I even know I did it! (Just kidding!) But, seriously, news does travel fast around my town. It isn't always accurate, but it does move swiftly. Oh, that the Gospel message would travel so fast and be so interesting to talk about on the front porch of all who live around me. Oh, that the best news of all, Jesus' love for us, would spread like wildfire in the way that some rumors and gossip do. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear through the grapevine that people were receiving the news about Christ and responding to his love and mercy by the droves? That would make my day! Or my year! But sadly, we tend to chat about others sorts of news when we could be spreading the gospel. Jesus helps us sound forth his saving word! May we be missionaries in our own neighborhoods! Amen.

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