



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

November 15, 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 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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PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

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.



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

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Insert

PSALM 90:1-12

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

- 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!

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"* Insert

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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

Sanctus

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Insert

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

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

"We Are the Way"

Insert

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

An Irish Blessing

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Memory Verse

Zephaniah 1:7

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Clarence Meyer whose birthday is November 17th, given by his wife, Martha.

Today, November 15*

Acolytes: Genevieve Brown, Jake Ackroyd

Communion Assistants: Mark & Connie Torsell
Allison Ackroyd, Ann Maki

Crucifers: Clara Poe, Savannah Slater

Ushers: Jeanne Wurster & Bob Hinschlagher
Sandy Wierwille & Dana Cook

Greeters: Sandy Wierwille

Readers: Kathy Langsdon, Savannah Slater

Next Sunday, November 22*

Acolytes: Kirstyn Opperman, Veronica Mertz

Ushers: Steve & Dora McAfee
Keith Fledderjohann & John Ankerman

Greeters: Ryan & Brandy Yahl
Ruth or Dwayne Hoenie & Cheryl Macklem

Readers: Linda Yahl, Kay Lauth

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Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Pentecost 24 - November 15, 2020

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

- Matthew 25:23 -

Scholars say that five talents is about 75 years worth of wages for those who would have been around to hear Jesus' parable of the talents. Calculate in your head how much that would be for your household. That puts it in perspective a bit, doesn't it? The Master in this story gave each of his servants an incredible sum of money to manage while he was away. Even the servant who received only one talent had a great responsibility.

Two of the servants acted as if these funds were their own and they invested it so it would grow. The third servant simply buried it in the ground so that nothing would happen to it. He was only thinking of the punishment he would receive if he lost any of it. We can understand his wariness, especially on days when we watch our retirement funds go up and down. But his lack of trust in himself, coupled with his hard heart toward his Master, caused him to sit on the funds as if he were a bird sitting on a nest of eggs. The least he could have done was to put it in a savings account where he received 0.01% interest!

We learn from Martin Luther's explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed that God has given us all we have - everything from our body and soul, to our house, family, and work. What this parable of Jesus instructs us on is how we are to manage all that we have been given. We can hoard and stockpile all that we have been given or we can invest it in the Kingdom work of our Lord. This not only includes our money and time, but also the myriad gifts and abilities God has bestowed upon us.

Why were the first two servants willing to invest their Master's resources and the third one wasn't? In a word: fear. The first two servants trusted their Master and wanted to please him, so in obedience to his will, they invested what was entrusted to them and received a greater return. The fearful servant buried what was entrusted to him in the ground. He was unwilling to take a risk in order to please his Master. In fact, he held his Master in contempt. This story reminds us that loving like Christ loves, investing in other people in his name, can be a risk - but the rewards are incredible. We will be called, "good and faithful" when we follow Jesus.

Calendar for November 15-29, 2020

S/15	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	2:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #20570
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Workshop
M/16	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
	5:30 p.m.	OCC Drop-off
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/17	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	9:00 a.m.	OCC Drop-off
	6:45 p.m.	Trust Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Committee Meeting
W/18	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:30 p.m.	OCC Drop-off
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Worship* / Women's Thankful Offering
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Test
T/19	9:00 a.m.	OCC Drop-off
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Workday
F/20	5:30 p.m.	OCC Drop-off
S/21	9:00 a.m.	OCC Drop-off
S/22	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Christ the King Sunday / Women's Thankful Offering
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Christ the King Sunday / Women's Thankful Offering
	12 Noon	OCC Drop-off

	7:00 p.m.	The Underground
M/23	8:00 a.m.	OCC Drop-off
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Honor Court
T/24	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/25	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service*
T/26		Thanksgiving/Office Closed
F/27		Office Closed
S/28	10:15 a.m.	Decorate for Christmas
S/29	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.

**Holy Communion*

ATTENDANCE

Last Week Wednesday: 27

Sunday 8:00: 41

Sunday 10:30: 39, Total for Day: 83

Total for Week: 110

We invite you to include the following people in your daily prayers: 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, Sandi Deerhake, Kim Peyton Reyes, Pastor Tim Smith, Marvin Elsass, Chad Reiher, Rick Moyar, Tammy Klosterman, Nathaniel Henline, Karmindy Mertz, Craig Suchland, Becky Hinschlager, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, LeeAnn Merricle, Brooks Burns, Family of Sandi Shoup,

Family of Larry Wilkins, Family of Michael Weiler, Barb Fitzgerald, Peg DuBois, Zedrick Ragasa, Mary Zahn, Ellen Bruns, Kathy Hart 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 Wednesday and Sunday for the month of November are earmarked to support Wernle Children's Home.

It's time to fill the shoeboxes! For the next few weeks 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. There are dresses for each age group, large stuffed animals for the younger age group and coloring pages for children or adults to fill out to put in the boxes. Filled boxes should be returned on **Sunday, November 15.**

Zion Men's Workshop – Men, you are invited to join the fun on **Sunday evening, November 15**, at 7 p.m., in the Auditorium. We hope to see you there.

Sign up to work at our Drop Off at Zion during National Collection Week, **November 16-23**, in 2 hour shifts either mornings or evenings. This year we will meet the donor at the car wearing masks and collect their boxes and information outside. Keeping an accurate count of boxes received and boxes packed in the cartons is still a priority.

The Giving Thanks Meal will still be held this year with the change of the meals being carry out. Zion has been asked to supply desserts for this meal. The desserts are to be dropped off

Wednesday, November 25, from 1-4 p.m., at Wayne Street United Methodist Church or from 5-7 p.m. at the High School.

Zion's Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be on **Wednesday, November 25**, at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary, with holy communion being served. Our loose offering from that service along with the canned goods we collect that night will go to Agape Food Pantry.

Christmas Decorating! Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season, on **Saturday, November 28**, from 10:15 a.m. to 12 Noon. Sign up on your "I Worshiped Today" or call the church office, 419-394-3115, to participate in decorating.

Shop Til-You-Drop will be held on Friday, December 4th, at 7 p.m. Anyone wanting to participate should meet inside Walmart at 7 p.m. Sign up on the "I Worshiped Today" if you will be participating.

Extra Christmas Eve Service: The council has decided to include a **4 p.m. service**, along with our 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve services this year. Our hope is this allows everyone to attend who wishes to but still have social distancing. Anyone willing to be a reader or usher(s) for this extra service, please let the church office know or mark on your "I Worshiped Today".

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 #.

Women's Monday Night Fellowships next Bible study will be, Walking Together. This Bible Study is on the Importance of Fellowship in our Lives as Disciples of Christ, by Rev. Jack Aamot. It will start Monday, January 4, at 7 p.m. If you are interested, please call the church office, 419-394-3115, to order a book by December 13. It should be under \$10.

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.

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.

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Weekly Needs	Budget Y-T-D	Received 11/8	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$293,805	\$3,662	\$260,185	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$13,050	\$120	\$10,200	
Bank Balance as of 11/9:				
		\$70,299—Includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds		