



FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

Zion Lutheran Church  
210 North Wayne Street  
Saint Mary, Ohio 45885

**November 29, 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

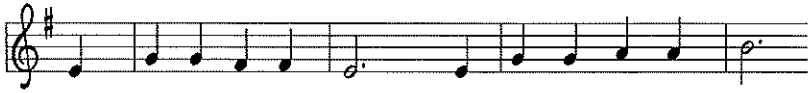


P Most merciful God,  
C we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
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 for whom we wait, the love  
of the Father who will never let us go, and the peace of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.  
C And also with you.



- 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!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 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 64:1-9

Insert

PSALM 80:1-7

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Insert



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 Mark the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

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P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

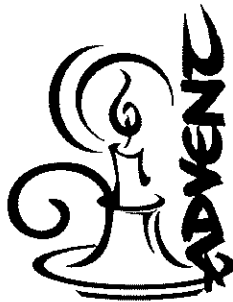
SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

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## **NICENE CREED**

**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**

*Meditation #2*

Kim

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

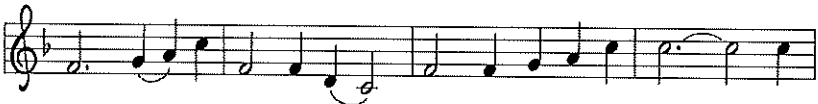
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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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 Come with Joy"*

Insert

*"Come to the Table"*

Insert

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood —that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C Amen.

### BLESSING

P As you go from this place, remember that with God, nothing is impossible. May God the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit go before you, beside you, and with you wherever you go. (Luke 1:37)

C Amen.

### SENDING

*"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"*

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### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

*Epilogue*

Smith

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## Memory Verse

Mark 13:33

*Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.*

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*The Altar Flowers are given to  
the Glory of God in honor of  
Virginia Loyer's family  
birthdays.*

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***Today, November 29\****

**Acolytes:** Zoey Henning, Will Ross

**Communion Assistants:** Chris White, John Hesse  
Sheila Westrick, Pam Fledderjohann

**Crucifers:** Liz Ackroyd, Ella Glass

**Ushers:** Rhonda Weaver, Amy Hesse  
Kermit Hecht, Suzanne Ankerman

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

**Readers:** Vic Von Blon, Savannah Slater

*Next Sunday, December 6\**

**Acolytes:** Veronica Mertz, Genevieve Brown

**Communion Assistants:** Connie Torsell, Jeanne Wurster  
Ann Maki, Darl Bishir

**Crucifers:** Morgan Hesse, Clara Poe

**Ushers:** Doug Stetler, Bob Hinschlager  
Kermit Hecht, Donna Ankerman

**Greeters:** New Schedule Out Soon

**Readers:** Linda Decker, Debbie Brown

\*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

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..... Sunday 8:00: 36, 10:30: 44, Total for Day: 80	
..... Total for Week: 102	
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## Calendar for November 29—December 13, 2020

S/29	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*
M/30	5:00 p.m.	Elder's Meeting
T/1	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
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Service*
F/4	7:00 p.m.	Shop Til-U-Drop at Walmart, Celina
S/5	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/6	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*
W/9	9:30 a.m.	Women's Council Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service*
T/10	2:00 p.m.	Apostles' Creed Bible Study
S/13	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

*\*Holy Communion*

**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, Lindsay Stephan, Marvin Elsass, Chad Reiher, Rick Moyar, Tammy Klosterman, Nathaniel Henline, Karmindy Mertz, William Franklin, Pastor Tim Smith, LeeAnn Merricle, Kim Peyton Reyes, Tim & Diane Menchhofer, Jill Burd, Clara Poe, Tom Grunden, Millicent Irish, John Vogel, Jim Merriman, Ben & Heather Roode, Bill Grunden, Gloria Schroer, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Family of Charles Nelson, Family of Carla Sprague, Family of Craig Suchland, Family of Harold Lauth, Family of Sandy Brown 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, Michael Franklin and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

**Christian Sympathy** to the Family of Craig Suchland, the Family of Carla Sprague, the Family of Sandy Brown and the Family of Harold E. Lauth, father of Randy Lauth.

**Thanks to all of you** who sent cards, notes and e-mails to the girls and me after Jack died. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will not be forgotten. I am so blessed. *Jo Rouhier*

**GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY!** Zion filled 173 shoeboxes and we collected 2,240 at our Drop off. We took them to Celina, our four county Central Drop Off, that collected 10,458. The eight county Lima Area collected 18,649 shoebox. That is 18,649 children who will receive a shoebox gift. Please continue to pray that they also

learn to know Jesus, the Greatest Gift, and continue with The Greatest Journey Bible curriculum.

**Our loose offerings** each Wednesday and Sunday loose offerings are earmarked to go to Institute of Lutheran Theology. The Christmas Eve loose offerings will go to Zion current expenses.

**Our Midweek Advent Services:** "Savior of the Nations" will be held in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. on **Wednesdays**. **December 2:** Invitation, **December 9:** Announcement, and **December 16:** His Throne.

**Shop Til-You-Drop** will be held on Friday, **December 4**, 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.

**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 Toys for Tots barrel** is now in the Portico entrance. They are asking for new, unwrapped toys. The last day to give is **Sunday, December 13**.

**Christmas Eve Services:** 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. We would like to have an idea how many people are planning to attend each service. Please

mark on your "I Worshiped Today" which service you plan to attend.

**Because of the holidays** and COVID-19, Dorcas Quilting has suspended their Tuesday morning quilting until Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

**Workday for December** have been canceled! December 3 and December 17. Thank you to all the women that have made 2020 a very successful year. Thrivent has helped us get a start on the mission kits for 2021. We will start again on the quilts January 21, 2021.

**Portal of Prayers Devotional booklets** are stored on the shelf with the coloring kits. If anyone is traveling and would like the devotional early, they are usually there a month or so before the date of start.

**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.

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*\*Committee Chairperson*

Weekly Needs 47 Weeks	Budget Y-T-D	Received 11/22	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$306,863	\$3,771	\$269,749	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$13,630	\$75	\$10,320	
Bank Balance as of 11/22: \$74,620—Includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds				