



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

December 6, 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

Setting 10

PRELUDE *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Hamilton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* Insert

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Page 94

P The days are coming, says the Lord, when God's promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (Jeremiah 33:14)

C Amen.

P The Lord proclaimed, "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me." Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected. (Malachi 3:1)

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 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 40:1-11

Insert

PSALM 85

Insert

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

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 first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Insert

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 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Hayes

Pianist: Miriam Johns

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, 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,



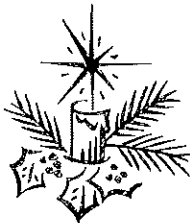
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



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

- "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* Insert
"I Come with Joy" 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 *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* Insert

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!
C Thanks be to God.

- POSTLUDE *Psalm of Glory* Blake

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Memory Verse

Isaiah 40:3

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.



*The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God by Susan Wilkins in
memory of her loved ones.*

CELEBRATING AN
Anniversary 

*A pair of roses have been placed on the altar in honor of Ed & Judy
Flora's 58th Wedding Anniversary on December 8th.*

Today, 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: Becky Harvey, Steven & Dora McAfee

Readers: Linda Decker, Debbie Brown

Next Sunday, December 13*

Acolytes: Aiden Meinerding, Elias Poe

Ushers: Connie & Mark Torsell
Keith Fledderjohann, Darl Bishir

Greeters: Ed & Linda Yahl, Joni Immenschuh & Sandy Wierwille

Readers: Doris Cook, Liz Ackroyd

*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE.....	Wednesday: 54
.....	Sunday 8:00: 36, 10:30: 53, Total for Day: 89
.....	Total for Week: 143
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Calendar for December 6-20, 2020

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.	Midweek 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
M/14	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
W/16	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Service
S/20	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, Sandi Deerhake, Tom Grunden, Millicent Irish, John Vogel, Jim Merriman, Ben & Heather Roode, Bill Grunden, Gloria Schroer, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Kelly Taylor Schaus, Cory Van Gundy, Ron Luthman, Family of Harold Lauth, Family of Sandy Brown, Family of Walter Smith, Family of Lucille Baker, 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 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 in December are earmarked to go to Institute of Lutheran Theology. The Christmas Eve loose offerings will go to Zion current expenses.

The Apostle Creed Bible Study that would normally be held on Wednesday, December 9, will be held on **Tuesday, December 8**, in the lounge at 7 p.m.

Our Midweek Advent Services: “Savior of the Nations” are being held in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. during Advent on **Wednesdays**. They will continue with **December 9:** Announcement, and **December 16:** His Throne.

The 2020 Flower Chart & First 6 months of 2021 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. **December 13** is still available in 2020.

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 4 p.m. service, which was added this year because of social distancing, is now at full captivity. The 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. are still available to sign up for. Please mark on your “I Worshiped Today” which service you plan to attend.

Readers are needed: If you are willing to be a reader, please mark your "I Worshiped Today" and circle which service you would like to read at. Deadline to sign up is **Sunday, December 27.**

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

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 #.

The next set of remote Sunday School bags are ready! They can be picked up from under the table in the narthex.

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 47 Weeks	Budget Y-T-D	Received 11/29	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$313,392	\$4,689	\$274,438	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$13,920	\$55	\$10,375	
Bank Balance as of 11/30:		\$69,365—Includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds		