

Third Sunday of Advent

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

December 13, 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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"

Insert

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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.**

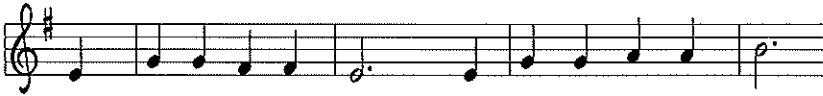
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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-ern 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 61:1-4, 8-11

Insert

PSALM 126

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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 John the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Has Come"

Insert

HOLY BAPTISM OF ZANE CLAYTON LAMPERT (10:30)

Insert



Advent

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 Hills of Galilee

Martin

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 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

“People, Look East”

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DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Wondrous Day

Mansfield

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Memory Verse

Psalm 126:4

*The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.*



*Altar
Flowers*

*The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God in honor of His Son, our
Messiah. They are given by Dwayne
& Ruth Hoenie.*

Today, December 13*

Acolytes: Elias Poe, Aiden Meinerding

Ushers: Connie & Mark Torsell

Keith Fledderjohann, Darl Bishir

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

Readers: Doris Cook, Liz Ackroyd

Next Sunday, December 20*

Acolytes: Jake Sharp, Will Ross

Communion Assistants: John Hesse, Jeanne Wurster

Sheila Westrick, Ruth Hoenie

Crucifers: Ella Glass, Isaac Torsell

Ushers: Deb Henning, Amy Hesse

Sandy Wierwille, Ken Ankerman

Greeters: John & Amy Hesse, Ruth & Dwayne Hoenie

Readers: Steve McAfee, Darl Bishir

*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE.....	Wednesday: 67
.....	Sunday 8:00: 44, 10:30: 50, Total for Day: 94
.....	Total for Week: 161
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Calendar for December 13-27, 2020

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*
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	9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
M/21	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
W/23	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
T/24	12 Noon	Office Closes
	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
F/25		Merry Christmas/Office Closed
S/27	8:00 a.m.	Service of Carol & Lessons
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Carol & Lessons

**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, Sandi Deerhake, Marvin Elsass, Chad Reiher, Rick Moyar, Tammy Klosterman, Nathaniel Henline, Karmindy Mertz, William Franklin, Pastor Tim Smith, LeeAnn Merricle, Kim Peyton Reyes, Caleb Yahl, Kelly Taylor Schaus, Cory Van Gundy, Ron Luthman, Dave Lutz, Sandee Burd, Kirk Burd, Karen Burd, Jim Merriman, Alma Kuffner, Family of Walter Smith, Family of Lucille Baker, Family of Louie Wibbler, 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.

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.

We welcome into the Family of God today Zane Clayton Lampert, son of Alex and Jill Lampert.

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Louie Wibbler, brother of Jan Suchland.

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, by the end of **today** and leave a message. It should be under \$10.

The Toys for Tots barrel is in the Portico entrance. **Today** is the last day to give new, unwrapped toys.

Our Last Midweek Advent Service will be **December 16: His Throne**, in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.

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. Tickets will be available for each of the Christmas Eve services. Those who have signed up for the 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. services can pick up their tickets at the church office or contact the church office to have them mailed. Tickets will be collected at each of the Christmas Eve services.

Office to Be Closed: The church office will close at noon on Thursday, Christmas Eve, 24th and remain closed all day Friday, December 25th, in observance of Christmas Day.

Service of Lessons & Carols will once again be this year on the Sunday after Christmas, **December 27**, at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service.

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**.

The 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. The whole month of **January** is still available.

Dollar for Dollar Match: We have been contacted by a couple from Zion who wish to match dollar for dollar any new donations given to the roof fund over the next 12 months. Earmark your offering envelopes "Roof" and we will apply it to this special dollar for dollar offer.

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 #.

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.

Weekly Needs 47 Weeks	Budget Y-T-D	Received 12/6	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$319,921	\$6,045	\$280,513	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$14,210	\$85	\$10,460	
Bank Balance as of 12/6: \$70,429—Includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds				