



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

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

December 20, 2020
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 10

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Est ist ein Ros"* Penfeld

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"What Child Is This"* 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

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Insert

PSALM 89:1-5

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

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 Luke the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”*

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

How Far Is It to Bethlehem

by Alec Rowley

Singers: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie

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,



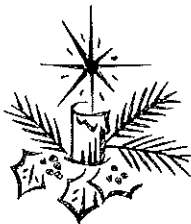
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



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

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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

“Joy to the World”

Insert

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Come and See

Spiritual

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Memory Verse

Luke 1:37

For nothing will be impossible with God."



*Happy
Anniversary!*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Darl & Kathy Bishir's 34th Wedding Anniversary today, December 20th.

Today, 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

*Next Sunday, December 27**

Acolytes: Jake Sharp, Genevieve Brown

Ushers: Doug Stetler, Deb Henning
Keith Fledderjohann, Suzanne Ankerman

Greeters: Ryan & Brandy Yahl
Sandy Wierwille, Cheryl Macklem

Readers: Allison Brady, Kathy Lampert

*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE.....	Wednesday: 68
.....Sunday 8:00: 57, 10:30: 62, Total for Day: 119	
.....Total for Week: 187	
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Calendar for December 20—January 3, 2020

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*
M/21	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
T/22	10:00 a.m.	Staff 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
M/28	2:00 p.m.	Office Closes
T/29	2:30 p.m.	Office Closes
W/30	2:30 p.m.	Office Closes
T/31	2:30 p.m.	Office Closes
F/1		Happy New Year/Office Closed
S/2	11:30 a.m.	Bishir/Franklin Wedding
S/3	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*/ Recognition of 2020 & Installation of 2021 Officers
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*/ Recognition of 2020 & Installation of 2021 Officers

**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, Ruth Edwards, Nathaniel Henline, Karmindy Mertz, William Franklin, Pastor Tim Smith, LeeAnn Merricle, Kim Peyton Reyes, Rick Adams, Don Regedanz, Dave Lutz, Sandee Burd, Kirk Burd, Karen Burd, Alma Kuffner, Carol Bishir, Carolyn Staugler, Caleb Yahl, Family of Lewie Wibbeler, Family of Jim Merriman, Family of Kevin Shipman, Family of June Prange 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.

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Lewie Wibbeler, brother of Jan Suchland and Carol Knatz, the Family of Jim Merriman and the Family of June Prange, daughter of Pastor Alvin Prange (served Zion 1947-1964).

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. There are tickets for each of the Christmas Eve services and they will be

collected that night. Those who have sign up today can pick up their tickets at the church office. Tickets were sent Friday to those who previously signed up.

Office to Be Closed: The church office will close at noon on **Thursday, Christmas Eve, 24** and remind closed all day **Friday, December 25**, 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 church office will have limited hours, beginning on **December 28** until year end. They will be Monday–12/28 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday–12/29, Wednesday–12/30 and Thursday–12/31, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The church office will be closed on **Friday, January 1**, in observance of New Year's Day. Office hours will resume on **Thursday, January 2**, 8:30–12 and 12:30–4:30 p.m.

The recognition of Zion's 2020 officers and the installation of the 2021 officers will take place on **Sunday, January 3**, at both services.

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. **January 3, 10, 24 and 31** 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 #.

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.

2020 Church Council

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YOUTH REPRESENTIVE: *Liz Ackroyd*

**Committee Chairperson*

Weekly Needs 50 Weeks	Budget Y-T-D	Received 12/13	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$326,450	\$7,239	\$287,752	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$14,500	\$185	\$10,645	
Bank Balance as of 12/14:		\$ 73,732—Includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds		