



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

**January 3, 2021**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Setting 10

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**

*"We Three Kings"*

Insert

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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, the love of God, and the communion 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

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## FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Insert

## PSALM

72:1-11 [12-15]

Insert

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

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 Matthew the second chapter.

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

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Bill

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *"Angels, from the Realm of Glory"*

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**RECOGNITION OF 2020 COUNCILS**

P: We are truly grateful for each member who has served on our congregation council. We recognize their gift of service as follows:

**Councils Officers - Plaque/Certificate & Pin**

Eric Langsdon completed his four-year term on the Board of Trustees, 2017-2020

- Served as Chair to the Board of Trustees, 2017-2018

Kermit Hecht complete his four-year term on the Board of Deacons, 2017-2020

- Served as Chair to the Board of Deacons, 2019-2020

Lisa Hollenbacher completed her three-year term as Council-at-Large, 2018-2020

- Served as Council Assistant Secretary, 2019

- Served as Council Secretary, 2020

Linda Yahl completed her seven-year term on the Council of Zion Women of NALC, 2014-2020

- Served as Council Chairperson, 2014-2020

Pam Fledderjohann completed her nine-year term on the Council of Zion Women of NALC, 2012-2020

- Served as Council Secretary, 2012-2020

### Councils Members/Staff - Certificates/Pins

Judy Schultz completed her four-year term on the Board of Deacons, 2017-2020

Connie Torsell completed her four-year term on the Board of Deacons, 2017-2020

Doug Stetler completed his four-year term on the Board of Deacons, 2017-2020

Kathy Bishir celebrates her ten year anniversary as Church Support Staff of the NALC, 2011-2020

### INSTALLATION OF 2021 COUNCILS

(please come to the communion rail when your name is called and face the altar)

P The following persons have been elected to the congregation to positions of leadership. They are asked to come forward as their name and office are read:

Stan Brown - Congregational President

Chris White - Board of Elders

Kathy Lampert - Board of Elders

Vic Von Blon - Board of Elders  
Jerry Mertz - Board of Trustee  
Dan Hegemier - Board of Trustee  
Kurt Rodeheffer - Board of Trustee  
Ed Yahl - Board of Trustee  
Keith Fledderjohann - Board of Deacons  
Dan Macklem - Board of Deacons  
Sandy Wierwille - Board of Deacons  
Rhonda Weaver - Board of Deacons  
Steve McAfee - Board of Deacons  
Suzie Ankerman - Board of Deacons  
Jeanne Wurster - Board of Deacons  
Jody Slemmons - Board of Deacons  
Mark Torsell - Board of Deacons  
Emily Meinerding - Board of Parish Education  
Kathy Miller - Board of Parish Education  
Mary Merricle - Board of Parish Education  
Leslie Wobler - Board of Parish Education  
Pete Ackroyd - Council At Large Member  
Darl Bishir - Council At Large Member  
Andrew O'Bryan - Council At Large Member  
Cheryl Macklem - Council At Large Member  
Marion Slater - Council At Large Member  
Ryan Yahl - Council At Large Member  
Liz Ackroyd – Youth Representative  
Doris Cook - Member to Trust Fund  
Rick Green – Member to Trust Fund  
Bill Kellermeier - Member to Trust Fund  
John Lampert - Member to Trust Fund  
Marion Slater - Member to Trust Fund  
Chair of Women of NALC, Nora Staunton  
Vice-Chair of Women of NALC, Dora McAfee  
Secretary of Women of NALC, Sandy Wierwille  
Treasurer of Women of NALC, Ruth Hoenie  
Spiritual Growth of Women of NALC, Rebecca Harvey

Mission Action of Women of NALC, Chris White  
Mission Community of Women of NALC, Chris White  
Co-Advisor of Women of NALC, Linda Yahl  
Co-Advisor of Women of NALC, Pam Fledderjohann  
Flower Ministry of Women of NALC, Nora Staunton  
Kitchen Ministry of Women of NALC, Kathy Bishir  
Family Care Ministry of Women of NALC, Doris Cook  
Prayer Shawl Ministry of Women of NALC, Kathy Bishir  
Altar Guild Ministry of Women of NALC, Cheryl Macklem  
Cards to Shut-Ins Ministry of Women of NALC, Cheryl  
Macklem

- P In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you a member of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all.
- You have been elected to a position of leadership and trust in this congregation.
  - You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.
  - You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and beyond.
  - You are to be diligent in your serving, that the Lord who empowers you is glorified.
  - You are to be an example of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

**P** Therefore, as Pastor of this community of faith I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the positions to which you have been elected?

**R** *Yes, by the help of God.*

**P** People of God, I ask you: Will you support them in their efforts and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given all who are baptized?

**C** *Yes, by the help of God.*

**P** I now declare you installed as officers, council members and board members of this congregation. God bless you with His Holy Spirit, that you may prove a faithful servant to Christ.

**NICENE CREED**

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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.**

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the 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**

*"All My Heart Again Rejoices"* Insert  
*"As with Gladness Men of Old"* Insert

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have fed and refreshed us with this Holy Sacrament. Strengthen us in faith and fervent love toward one another, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whose body and blood we have humbly received.  
C Amen.

**BLESSING**

P Go with the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and may the Light of God's Word ever shine within your hearts and lives so that his holy name is praised throughout the world.  
C Amen.

**SENDING** *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"* Insert

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Let your light shine!  
C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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**Next Sunday, January 10\***

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Braylon Lampert, 10:30am: Elias Poe  
**Ushers:** 8AM: Judy Schultz, Bob Hinschlager  
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, John Ankerman  
**Greeters:** 8AM: Becky Harvey, Vic Von Blon  
10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie  
**Readers:** 8AM: Linda Yahl  
10:30AM: Darl Bishir

***\*Correct as of time printed.***

ATTENDANCE .....	Christmas Eve: <b>185</b>
.....	No Service Last Wednesday
.....	Sunday 8AM: <b>36</b> and 10:30AM: <b>30</b> , Total for Day <b>66</b>
ORGANIST/CHOIR & BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR .....	Merilee Miller
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DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION .....	
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CHURCH OFFICE .....	419-394-3115



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the wedding of Samantha (Bishir) & Michael Franklin, which took place here yesterday, January 2, 2021.

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***Today, January 3\****

**Acolytes:** 8AM: Will Ross

10:30AM: Zoey Henning

**Communion Assistants:**

8AM: Jody Slemmons

10:30AM: Jeanne Wurster

**Crucifers:** 8AM: Isaac Torsell

10:30AM: Ella Glass

**Ushers:** 8AM: Steve & Dora McAfee

10:30AM: Keith Fledderjohann, Donna Ankerman

**Greeters:** 8AM: Dora & Steve McAfee

10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Joni Immenschuh

**Readers:** 8AM: Donna Decker

10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie

## Calendar for January 3, 2021—January 10, 2021

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
M/4	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Lead Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/5	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/6	11:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
S/9	9:00 p.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Take Down Christmas Decorations
S/10	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
	7:00 p.m.	The Underground
M/11	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Lead Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/12	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/13	11:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class

F/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
S/17	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*
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Workshop

*\*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, Karmindy Mertz, Pastor Tim Smith, LeeAnn Merricle, Kim Peyton Reyes, Rick Adams, Don Regedanz, Rick Moyar, Carol Bishir, Carolyn Staugler, Caleb Yahl, Cody Sharp, Family of Kevin Shipman, Family of June Prange, Pr. Bill & Ann Maki, Peter Renner, Natalie Renner 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.

**We invite you** to include in your prayers the marriages of Jeremy Kemmann and Alexa Paulus on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Samantha Bishir and Michael Franklin on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, whose weddings took place this past weekend.

**Our loose offerings** each Wednesday and Sunday loose offerings in January will go to PRE-BORN. Saving the lives of unborn babies.



**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).

**The church office** will resume regular office hours on **Monday, January 4**, 8:30–12 and 12:30–4:30 p.m.

**The Flower Chart** for the first 6 months of 2021 is now 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 10, 24 and 31** are still available.

**The Pastor Lead Bible Study** will resume on **Monday, January 4**, in the All-Purpose Room at 7 p.m. We will continue studying Proverbs.

**The Women's Fellowship Group** will resume on **Monday, January 4**, in the 4-6 classrooms (across from All-Purpose Room) at 7 p.m. Books are \$10, they can be picked up from the church office.

**We invite** all newly elected congregation council members to attend the first council meeting on **Tuesday, January 5**, at 7 p.m., in the Auditorium.

**Help is needed** for taking down the Christmas decorations on **Saturday, January 9**, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

**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 #.

**Good News Great Joy from OCC.** Last week we learned that our 2020 shoeboxes have been shipped to Honduras in Central American and to five countries in Africa including: South Africa, Namibia, Tanzania, Benin and Mali. The bulletin board in the Narthex shows maps of where these countries are located. Also, on the bulletin board are pictures from a distribution from last year's boxes that went to a "Hard to Reach Area" and a message from that ministry. If you used the labels that allowed you to track your boxes and they went somewhere else, please notify the church office. If you have not received an email, there is a follow your box link on the Samaritans Purse website on the Operation Christmas Child page.

**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

President ..... Stan Brown  
 Vice-President ..... Ryan Yahl  
 Secretary ..... Lisa Hollenbacher  
     Assistant ..... Liz Ackroyd  
 Treasurer ..... Pete Ackroyd  
     Assistant ..... Marion Slater

**COUNCIL AT LARGE:** *Cheryl Macklem, Lisa Hollenbacher, Marion Slater, Darl Bishir, Pete Ackroyd and Ryan Yahl*

**BOARD OF DEACONS:** *Keith Fledderjohann, Sandy Wierwille, Kermit Hecht,\* Steve McAfee, Judy Schultz, Jeanne Wurster, Rhonda Weaver, Doug Stetler and Connie Torsell*

**BOARD ELDERS:** *Kathy Lampert, Chris White\* and Vic Von Blon*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** *Jerry Mertz, Kurt Rodeheffer, Eric Langsdon and Ed Yahl\**

**BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION DIRECTOR:** *Mindy Thiebeau*

**BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION:** *Kathy Miller, Mary Merricle\*, Leslie Wobler, & Emily Meinerding*

**MEMBERS TO TRUST FUND:** *Rick Green, Doris Cook, Bill Kellermeyer, Marion Slater and John Lampert*

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** *Liz Ackroyd*

*\*Committee Chairperson*

Weekly Needs 52 Weeks	Budget Y-T-D	Received 12/28	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current - \$6,529	\$339,508	\$4,366	\$297,056	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$15,080	\$20	\$10,730	
Bank Balance as of 12/28:		\$ 73,160 - Includes Payroll Protection Plan Monies		