



First
Sunday
in Lent

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

February 21, 2021
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

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PRELUDE

Hiding in Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Insert

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: In this season of Lent, let us draw near to the Lord and examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we have fallen short of the glory of God.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Insert

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-18

Insert

PSALM 25:1-10

Insert

SECOND READING

James 1:12-18

Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The holy gospel according to Saint Mark the first chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

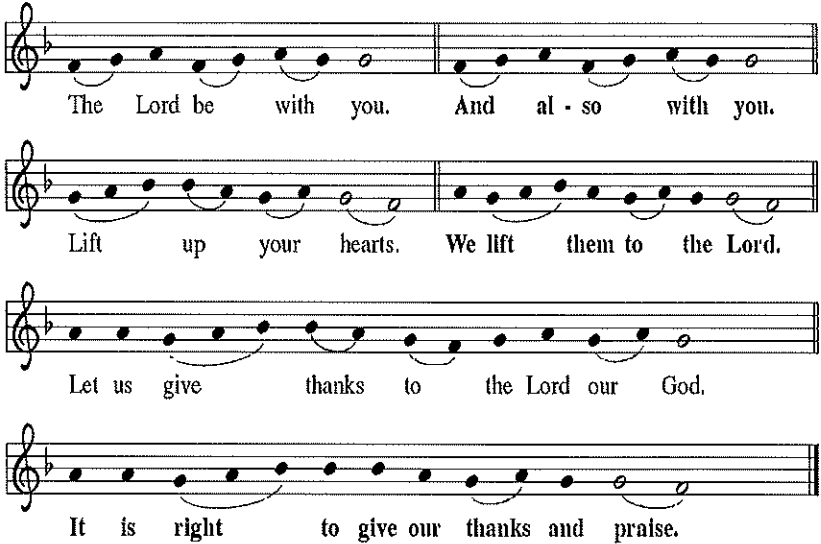
C: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Offertory on St. Anne

Landin

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

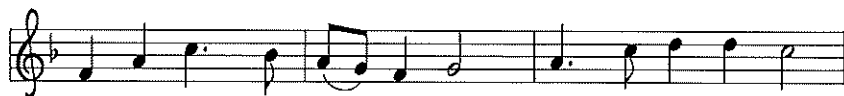
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

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.

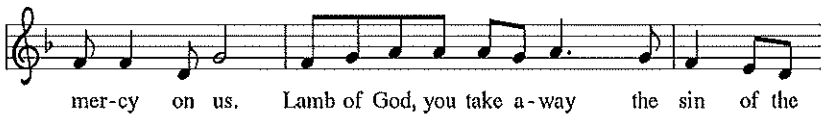
LORD'S PRAYER

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



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Beautiful Savior”

Insert

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Insert

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have gifted us with the bread and wine of this holy meal; fed us with the body and blood of your Son, our Lord; forgiven us and wiped away the shame of our sins. Make us bold to go out in the world proclaiming your love and mercy so all may be fed with this Bread of Life.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Pray in the Spirit at all times so that you may discern the will of God. Keep alert as you walk in faith. Speak with the boldness of the apostles who came before you so that all might know the good news. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

Insert

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Memory Verse**Mark 1:10**

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.



Happy Birthday

Alexa

& Nora!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Alexa Coldiron's birthday on February 15th and Nora Staunton's birthday on February 22nd. Happy Birthday to both of you from your family!

Today, February 21*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Elias Poe
10:30am: Braylon Lampert
- Communion Assistants:**
8AM: John Hesse, Chris White
10:30AM: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
- Crucifer:** 8AM: Isaac Torsell 10:30AM: Ella Glass
- Ushers:** 8AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
10:30AM: Keith Fledderjohann, John Ankerman
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Joyce Ross
10:30AM: Lorra Prater & Andrew O'Bryan
- Greeters:** 8AM: Ed & Linda Yahl
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Cheryl Macklem
- Readers:** 8AM: Donna Decker 10:30AM: Liz Ackroyd

Next Sunday, February 28*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Jake Ackroyd
10:30am: Bennett Glass
- Ushers:** 8AM: Connie Torsell, Amy Hesse
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Donna Ankerman
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Kraig & Miriam Johns
10:30am: Jenny Eberle
- Greeters:** 8AM: Ryan & Brandy Yahl
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Steve McAfee 10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie

*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday: 22
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 38, 10:30 a.m.: 50, Total for the Day, 88	
.....Total for the Week, 110	
DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION	
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CHURCH WEBSITE	www.zionstmarys.org
CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

Calendar for February 21—March 7, 2021

S/21	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	7:00 p.m.	The Underground
M/22	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout #360 Meeting
T/23	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/24	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Service*
S/28	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
M/1	5:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout #360 Meeting
T/2	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/3	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Service
S/6	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/7	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	7:00 p.m.	The Underground *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, Judy Howell, Debbie Fishbaugh, Carol Singleton, Don Deitsch, Lindsay Stephan, Sandi Deerhake, Marvin Elsass, Ruth Edwards, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Rick Moyar, John Hesse, Ralph Mueller, Samantha Franklin, Susan Bryan, Peg DuBois, Ron Luthman, Ann Morris, Pastor Tim Smith, LeeAnn Merricle, Deb Ranly, Katelyn Rose, Lauren Ruhenkamp, Zoey Henning, Carly Mabry, Rick Adams, Cody Sharp, Ashley Rothe, Lydia Perry, 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.

A special thank you to Pastor Bill and the congregation for the prayers, cards, food donations and memorials. Also, the Women of the church for the prayer shawl, in memory of Jim Merriman. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are appreciated through such a difficult time.

The Family of Jim Merriman

Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of **February** are earmarked to support Boy Scout Troop #360.

Midweek Lenten Worship Series for 2021 is “God’s Love is Shown”. The Wednesday services are held in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. during lent. Theme: **February 24**, – Compassionate Love; Midweek 2, **March 3** – Steadfast Love; Midweek 3, **March 10** – Enriching Love; Midweek 4, **March 17** – Living Love; Midweek 5, **March 24** – Holy Love; **Palm Sunday, March 28** – Saving Love; **Maundy Thursday, April 1** – Selfless Love, and **Easter Sunday, April 4** – Joyous Love.

We will be hosting our Lenten Soup Suppers. They are scheduled for 5:30 p.m., in the auditorium on **February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24th**. Special care will be taken to serve you: servers will wear masks and gloves.

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. **March 7, 21, 28 and April 4** are still available.

First Communion instruction will be held on **Saturday, March 13**, from 10 a.m. to noon. First Communion is for all baptized students, grade 3 and older, and/or whose parents believe them to be ready to receive the Sacrament. As the opportunity to fulfill the baptismal vow to bring your child to Lord's Supper, parent, godparent or guardian attendance for this two-hour course is expected as well. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 1st. Please RSVP to the church office by phone or by a note on your "I worship today" form.

The Women's annual Lenten Fundraiser started on Ash Wednesday. The women's council members handed out envelopes with the 40 dates between Ash Wednesday and Easter Saturday (no Sunday dates) posted. We would appreciate two quarters placed in the envelope for each day posted during Lent. Please prayerfully consider reading a daily devotion (use the Portals of Prayer available in the Narthex), giving a daily donation and marking the date off provided on your envelope. If you are unable to give the recommended amount, give what you can. This is our only fundraiser to be used for costs of our events, to purchase supplies for mission kits and quilts, to help with funeral memorials and gifts and with miscellaneous items in our budget. The

envelopes will be collected **Easter Sunday**. There are extra envelopes on the table in the narthex if you did not get one. As always, thank you for supporting the Women of Zion.

In-Person Sunday School has started in January and we are in need of teachers. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Mindy Thiebeau to volunteer.

Zion Lutheran Full-Time Scholarship: This scholarship is offered to both graduating seniors and college students who are confirmed members of the Zion Lutheran Church in St. Marys. Basis of this award will be with participation of weekly worship attendance at Zion or a college congregation for the year, 2020. This scholarship is potentially renewable. Apply on the St. Marys Community Foundation website.

Altar Update: Jake Sharp is working on his Eagle Badge with Boy Scout Troop #360. Last fall he asked the congregation to support his Eagle project for altar furniture here at Zion. With our offerings, he has purchased the lumber for the project, and it is currently being cut.

Zion currently has an opening for a member of our congregation to serve on the Board at Agape Ministries. Our present representative has resigned, which leaves an opening on the Board. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, to volunteer.

We have installed equipment to live-stream our worship services. Volunteers are needed to help with recording each of the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this new ministry.

Following our congregation council meeting, here are some of the following announcements:

- We will not have a Fish Fry this year, previously scheduled for March 5.
- The Father/Son banquet will not be held on March 7, a date will be determined later. (Spring Golf Outing)
- Contemporary services will begin shortly. They will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month, starting on March 21. More details will be announced.

Your 2020 financial statements have been mailed. Please keep this copy when filing your 2020 taxes.

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.

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.

2021 Church Council

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**Committee Chairperson*

Weekly Needs 7 Weeks	Budget Y-T-D	Received 2/7	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current - \$6,529	\$46,618	\$5,716	\$35,348	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$2,030	\$55	\$745	
Bank Balance as of 2/17:		\$63,722		

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

February 21, 2021 - First Sunday in Lent

“Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” - Genesis: 22:2

This text for today is disturbing, especially this awful command from God to Abraham. “Take your son,” seems like an unbelievable command for any God of love to give. Even Martin Luther’s wife, Katie, once said to her husband regarding this passage, “Martin, I don’t believe God would ask anyone to sacrifice his only son.”

We heard earlier how Isaac had been a gift from God to Abraham and Sarah in their old age. We heard how God had given them a promise of many descendants, and through those descendants all of the families of the earth will be blessed.” Isaac had been born to start the line of those descendants, and now God is saying kill him. WHY? Sometimes God accomplishes his works through human faith. The question is, does Abraham have that faith? Having been given Isaac, which does Abraham trust more? The GIFT or the GIVER?

In each of the Gospels, we also have the picture of a Father and Son, going to a place where the Son will be sacrificed. Jesus trusts his Father with his life, just as Isaac trusted Abraham. No words are exchanged on this journey, only a brief conversation in Gethsemane, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not my will, but yours be done.” And the answer Jesus received was the same one Abraham implied to Isaac. The sacrifice must be carried out. So, Jesus, too, must choose between disobedience and this obedience. This obedience...in which Jesus also carries the wood up the hill to the place of offering. This

obedience...in which Jesus also is laid upon the wood. This obedience...in which hammers are raised over the nails of Jesus' cross just as the knife was raised above Isaac's chest.

THIS is where the stories become very different, because there is no substitute ram to rescue Jesus from this terrible fate. But it's not the end of the story, because God didn't forsake Jesus any more than He forsook Abraham and Isaac. In this obedience, there is provision. In this obedience, we share Christ's victory over the grave. This obedience...in which the broken are made whole, and in which all curses are swallowed up in blessing. This obedience is God's loving gift for you and for all people. Amen.

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