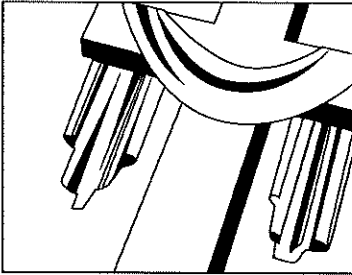


F O U R T H
Sunday in Lent



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

March 14, 2021
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE *In Memory, Lord, of Thee* Southbridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Lift High the Cross"* 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.

(Please stand or kneel)

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

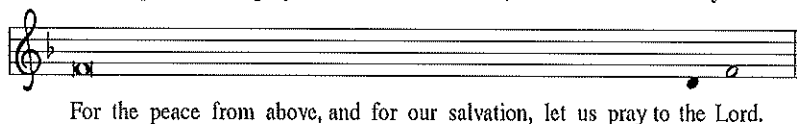
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



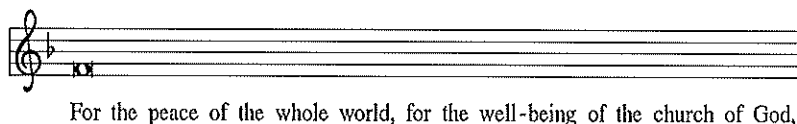
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



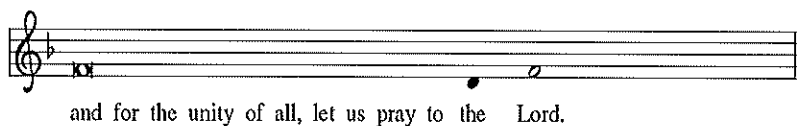
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



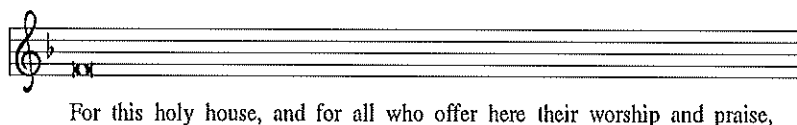
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



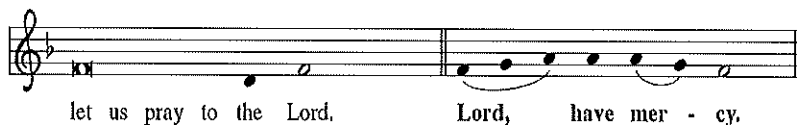
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



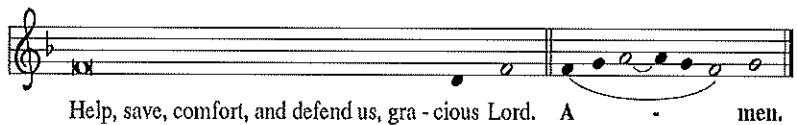
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Numbers 21:4-9

Insert

PSALM 107:1-9

Insert

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

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 John the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Insert

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Love Divine What Hast Thou Done* Powell

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

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.

POSTLUDE

Honor & Majesty

Broughton

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Memory Verse

John 3:17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mary Suchland by Bob & Linda Suchland.



Two pair of roses have been put on the altar in honor of:

- *Bob & Linda Suchland's 52nd Wedding Anniversary on March 15th.*
 - *Robert & Janice Sudman's 63rd Wedding Anniversary on March 15th.*
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Today, March 14*

Acolytes:	8AM: Veronica Mertz 10:30am: Genevieve Brown
Ushers:	8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Chris White 10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Stan Brown
Fellowship	8AM: Jody & Marilyn Slemmons
Table:	10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
Greeters:	8AM: Ryan & Brandy Yahl 10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille
Readers:	8AM: Kathy Langsdon 10:30AM: Dan Macklem

*Next Sunday, March 21**

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Zoey Henning
10:30am: Jake Sharp
- Communion** 8AM: Mark & Connie Torsell
Assistants: 10:30AM: Allison Ackroyd, Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifer:** 8AM: Liz Ackroyd 10:30AM: Savannah Slater
- Ushers:** 8AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
10:30AM: Keith Fledderjohann
- Fellowship** 8AM: Pastor Bill & Ann Maki
Table: 10:30am: Bill & Marilyn Nedderman
- Greeters:** 8AM: John & Amy Hesse
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Vic Von Blon 10:30AM: Savannah Slater

*Correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday 73
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 50, 10:30 a.m.: 46, Total for the Day, 96
..... Total for Week 169

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Calendar for March 14-28, 2021

S/14	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
		Prater/O'Bryan Wedding
M/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/16	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/17	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lenten Service
T/18	9:00 a.m.	Workday
S/21	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service*
	7:00 p.m.	Underground
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Workshop
M/22	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360 Mtg.
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.	Mid-Week Lenten Service*
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting
S/28	8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday 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, Judy Howell, Lindsay Stephan, Sandi Deerhake, Marvin Elsass, Ruth Edwards, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Samantha Franklin, Susan Bryan, Peg DuBois, Ron Luthman, Ann Morris, Pastor Tim Smith, LeeAnn Merricle, Deb Ranly, Barbara Franks, Deborah Yahl, Zedrick Regasa, Naika Brise, Kiri Less, Ashley Rothe, Doug VerLee, Craig Raney, Brandy Yahl, Katelyn Rose, Eric Miller, Buck Albers & Family, Family of Carol Singleton, Family of Steve Sutter, 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 marriage of Lorra Prater and Andrew O'Bryan who will be married today.

Christian Sympathy to the family of Carol Singleton, mother of Tammy Danner.

Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of **March** are earmarked for NALC Great Commission Fund.

Thank you to the Women's Fellowship Group for taking care of last Wednesday's supper. We will continue with the Lenten Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m., in the auditorium every Wednesday until March 24. Special care is taken: servers wear masks and gloves.

Today is the last day to order Easter Lilies: Check out the insert in this bulletin to order your Easter Lily or lilies to help decorate the church for Easter.

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. Remaining: 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.

Invitation to Lenten Breakfast: Wayne Street United Methodist Church will host their Lenten Breakfast on **Saturday, March 20**, at 9:30 a.m. Guest Speaker will be Father Witt. Food and refreshments provided (bring own cup). For more information check out the flyer on the bulletin board.

Contemporary Worship will be held on **Sunday, March 21**, at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to be part of the praise team, please let Pastor Bill know.

Life Questions: Pastor Bill will be on Life Questions on **Sundays, March 21 & 28**. This TV-44 show airs weekly on Sundays at 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. The shows are also posted online the Sunday night or Monday after the first airing at wtlw.com/category/life-questions.

Men’s Workshop will meet every 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Workshop so the next meeting will be **Sunday, March 21**.

Easter Breakfast: To include as many people as possible, the Easter breakfast is going to be carry out only this year. The meal

will include: a doughnut, a piece of coffeecake, and a fruit salad. Please RSVP on your "I Worshiped Today" by **Sunday, March 28.**

The Women's Annual Lenten Fundraiser started on Ash Wednesday. The envelopes will be collected **Easter Sunday.** There are extra envelopes on the table in the narthex if you did not get one.

Change to Dollar for Dollar Match: The couple from Zion who are matching dollar for dollar any new donations earmarked to the roof fund until the end of this year, *have now decided to match **All donations** earmarked to the roof fund until the end of this year.* Earmark your offering envelopes "Roof" and we will apply it to this special dollar for dollar offer.

Good News! Mary Bates of the NALC Disaster Response stopped last Sunday she picked up 37 flood buckets.

The women also had 110 blankets of all kind, 82 Health Kits, 25 Baby Blankets, 19 School Kits.

Our items are on the way to Texas. Thanks to all the women who helped on Workday to make this possible and those who assembled flood buckets. Also, thanks to all who donated items for the kits or flood buckets.

Devotions on Youtube & Facebook. Pastor Bill does daily devotions Monday thru Friday. They are posted on his facebook page and on Youtube search under Zion Lutheran St. Marys, Ohio.

Although we are not hosting the Community Easter Egg Hunt this year due to COVID restrictions, we will be having a modified egg hunt for our Sunday school students on Easter Sunday. We are requesting donations of wrapped candy, with no peanut products

for this event. Please leave your donations in the Sunday school box by the elevator and we thank you in advance.

Since this is the 120th anniversary of Dorcas here at Zion, our present group of ladies will be giving away many items to celebrate this special landmark. Look for the display in the narthex. There are quilting books, jig-saw puzzles, potholder/hot pads and table centerpieces. Fill out a drawing slip with your name and phone number and place it in the box. Drawing will be held at a later date and winners will be notified.

Any readers interested in belonging to a Book Club here at Zion? There has been a suggestion to look into starting one. If you are interested in joining, please sign up on the "I Worshiped Today" insert in the bulletin. An informational meeting will be held if enough interest is shown. Look for more details coming!

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.

In-Person Sunday School has started in January and we need 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.

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

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 10 Weeks	Budget Y-T-D	Received 3/7	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current - \$6,529	\$66,598	\$6,214	\$50,378	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$2,900	\$120	\$1,055	
Bank Balance as of 3/8: \$59,248				

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

March 14, 2021 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

*“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’”-
Numbers 21:8*

How many of you like snakes? I know some people who have them as pets, and some people who are terrified of them. Yet in our scriptures, snakes are a symbol of evil from Genesis through Revelation. It was the snake who tempted Eve in Eden, and in Revelation, Satan is called the “serpent.”

In Numbers, it says God sent serpents into the camp of his people, Israel. When you look at what preceded this terrible event,

it's not hard to understand why. The Israelites were traveling toward the land God has promised them. The journey is difficult, and they are beset by lack of food, polluted water holes, epidemic diseases, and dissention within their ranks, and so they begin to grumble. Mind you, it hasn't been that long since they crossed the Red Sea – hardly time to forget what God could do with water.

They grumble and complain that they had it better back in Egypt. How quickly they forget the slavery, the forced labor, the beatings when the hot sun forced them to slow the pace of their work. God has fed them, given them water, and even speaks to them through Moses from the mountain. And they make all kinds of promises and seal it with blood. Then, just as soon as Moses is out of sight, they forget about all that God has done for them. They get drunk, make an idol and worship it while partying all night.

Sometimes things need to get worse before they get better. Sometimes it takes a crisis to help us understand that life with God is not about getting what we want but wanting what we've got. They forgot that God freed them from captivity, saved them from Pharaoh's soldiers, brought them victory in battle, and gave them just laws to live by. He fed and watered them daily, protected them and led them by cloud and pillar of fire. But now God sends them serpents because they refuse to be a people of praise.

Fact is, many of us are snake-bitten for the same reasons. We've forgotten how to be a people of praise. This story from Numbers reminds us to look up and live. To look up with adoration to a God who is faithful in all his promises. To look up in confession, repenting of our ungrateful ways, and to look up in thanksgiving for all the blessings we take for granted. Amen.