

# Fifth



## SUNDAY IN LENT

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
210 North Wayne Street  
Saint Marys, OH 45885

**March 21, 2021**  
Contemporary Service  
10:30 a.m.

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**We welcome you** this morning in the name of Jesus Christ! "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" We hope you feel the power of God and the working of the Holy Spirit in this place this morning. Members are reminded, and visitors are asked, to please fill out the I Worship Today insert inside this bulletin. Zion offers a variety of opportunities to get involved in God's work: Bible Studies, Quilting, Worship Events, Zion Lutheran Women, Sunday School and Choir. Ask an usher about Zion and pick up a copy of our Newsletter on the table in the Narthex. Our web site is: [www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### **Shout To The Lord**

My Jesus my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my Shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

### *Last Time Repeat*

Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

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***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***

Insert

## *Change My Heart Oh God*

Text & Music by Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

- L: 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.**
- L: Sisters and brothers, bearing with one another in love, let us confess our sins.
- C: **We confess, we have not lived our lives as you have called us to live them, O God. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have rebelled against your will. Forgive us by your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you.**

Confession  
Absolution



**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.

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*One Bread, One Body*

Insert

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE MEAL**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

*God be with you*

God be with you.

God be with you.

In the morning when you wake,  
And with every breath You take,  
God be with You.

God be with you.

God be with you.

When you travel far away,  
in your daily work and play,  
God be with You.

God be with you.  
God be with you.  
And wherever you may go,  
as the spirit winds will blow,  
God be with You.

God be with you.  
God be with you.  
As you listen, teach, and learn,  
and then safely home return,  
God be with You.

God be with you.  
God be with you.  
When the moon and stars shine light  
as you slumber through the night,  
God be with You.

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### **SENDING SONG**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

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### **SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace. Jesus loves you!

**C:** Thanks be to God.



**Zion Praise Band**

Piano - Debbie Brown  
Guitar - Contact Office if your name can go here  
Tambourine - Cheryl Macklem  
Percussion - Savannah Slater

**Zion Praise Team**

Deb Brown	Stan Brown	Mindy Thiebeau
Sandy Wierwille	Genevieve Brown	Carrie Stetler
Pastor Bill	Your Name Here	

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**Memory Verse**

**Mark 10:45**

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

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*The Altar Flowers are given by Rhonda Weaver in thanks of the Glory of God.*

***Today, March 21\****

**Acolytes:** 8AM: Zoey Henning 10:30am: Jake Sharp  
**Communion** 8AM: Mark & Connie Torsell  
**Assistants:** 10:30AM: Allison Ackroyd, Ruth Hoenie  
**Crucifer:** 8AM: Morgan Hesse 10:30AM: Savannah Slater  
**Ushers:** 8AM: Steve & Dora McAfee  
10:30AM: Keith Fledderjohann & Donna Ankerman  
**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

***Next Sunday, March 28\****

**Acolytes:** 8AM: Will Ross 10:30am: Elias Poe  
**Communion** 8AM: **Needed**  
**Assistants:** 10:30AM: **Needed**  
**Crucifer:** 8AM: Ella Glass 10:30AM: Isaac Torsell  
**Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Bob Hinschlager  
10:30AM: Suzie & Ken Ankerman  
**Fellowship** 8AM: Sandy Wierwille  
**Table:** 10:30am: Stanley & Debbie Brown  
**Greeters:** 8AM: Judy Schultz, Vic Von Blon  
10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie  
**Readers:** 8AM: Donna Decker 10:30AM: Kay Lauth

\*Subject to change, correct as of time printed



ATTENDANCE .....Last Wednesday: 81  
 ..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 46, 10:30 a.m.: 42, Total for the Day, 88  
 ..... Total for the Week, 169  
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## Calendar for March 21—April 4, 2021

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 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.	Mid-Week Lenten Service*
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*
M/29	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout #360 Meeting
T/30	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/31	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
T/1	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship*/First Communion
F/2	12 Noon	Office Closes
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service of Shadows
S/4	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Easter Worship Service*
	8:00 a.m.	Carry Out Easter Breakfast
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Traditional 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, Ron Luthman, Ann Morris, Pastor Tim Smith, LeeAnn Merricle, Deb Ranly, Barbara Franks, Deborah Yahl, Zedrick Regasa, Naika Brise, Kiri Less, Craig Raney, Peg DuBois, Robert Sudman, Brandy Yahl, Katelyn Rose, Eric Miller, Ashley Rothe, Susan Bryan, Virginia Loyer, Mark Torsell, Buck Albers & Family, Family of Carol Singleton, Family of Ernie Coldiron, 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 Andrew & Lorra O'Bryan who were married last Sunday.

**Christian Sympathy** to the family of Carol Singleton, mother of Tammy Danner and to the family of Ernie Coldiron, father-in-law to Alexa Coldiron.

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

**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](http://wtlw.com/category/life-questions).

**Men's Workshop** will meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Workshop so the next meeting will be **tonight**.

**Thank you** to the Youth Board for taking care of last Wednesday's supper. Our last Lenten Soup Supper will be **Wednesday, March 24**, at 5:30 p.m., in the auditorium. Special care is taken: servers wear masks and gloves.

**Our Last Midweek Lenten Worship** will be **March 24** – Holy Love, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The series for 2021 has been "God's Love is Shown" the series will continue with **Palm Sunday, March 28** – Saving Love; **Maundy Thursday, April 1** – Selfless Love, and **Easter Sunday, April 4** – Joyous Love.

**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**.

**Our Maundy Thursday Service** with First Communion and Stripping of the Altar will be held on **Thursday, April 1**, at 7 p.m.

**Good Friday Service of Shadows** will be held on **Friday, April 2**, at 7 p.m.

**The church office** will be closed at 12 noon on **Good Friday, April 2**. We will also be closed on the **Monday after Easter, April 5**. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 6, at 8:30 a.m.

## **Easter Sunday, April 4:**

- Easter Sunrise Traditional Service will be at 7 a.m.
- Carry Out Easter Breakfast will be from 8-9 a.m.,
- Sunday School will be at its usual time of 9:15 a.m.
- Easter Traditional Service will be at 10:30 a.m.

*Both services will be with Holy Communion.*

**Change to the 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.* This includes all pledges. 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 120<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**We are looking for some more Book Club** readers. If interested, please sign up on the "I Worshipped Today" slip or call the church office, 419-394-3115.

**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.

**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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*\*Committee Chairperson*

Weekly Needs 11 Weeks	Budget Y-T-D	Received 3/14	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current - \$6,529	\$73,257	\$9,448	\$59,826	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$3,190	\$95	\$1,150	
Bank Balance as of 3/15:		\$65,618		

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

March 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

*“Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant...”*

*- Mark 10:43 -*

Two of Jesus' followers approach him and say, “Lord, grant us to sit at your right and your left when you come into your kingdom.” In other words, “Lord, when we get you elected Messiah, grant us positions in your cabinet.” Jesus replies to this perfectly understandable request by saying, “You don’t know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?” Of course, we know what the disciples don’t. The road that Jesus walks will lead to suffering and sacrifice. The “cup” that he is about to drink is the cup of crucifixion. The “baptism” that will drown him is death on a cross. The disciples show that they are clueless when they respond, “Sure! We can do that! No problem!”

Like the first disciples, you and I show up in a similar way on a Sunday morning. Are you able to receive the peace, the benefits, the joy, the reassurance, or whatever it is that Jesus is handing out this week? “Sure, we’re ready!” we answer. “But are you able to suffer, to be rejected and disappointed as I am about to be?” Jesus asks. Well, are you? Christ’s small band of followers reply, “Absolutely!” Jesus responds, “You will drink the cup that I drink, you will be baptized with my baptism.” The promise is NOT that they will share glory and happiness, and rewards with him. But that if they follow him, they will necessarily share his humility and sacrifice.

I’ve been thinking about that these days, as our congregations endure unprecedented challenges. Are we able to drink the cup of hardship and uncertainty as our Lord did? Are we able to be baptized into difficulty and trust God for the outcome? Are we able to persevere together, in order to emerge a better and stronger church? Be careful how you answer. When Jesus came into his glory, it was not on a throne. It was on a cross, with two thieves beside him. This is the message we Christians have been reluctant to proclaim to the world, because we are reluctant to hear it ourselves.

Jesus is not a technique for getting what we want from God. Jesus is God’s way of getting what He wants from us! God wants a world redeemed and restored, a world where people fear, love, and trust him in equal measure. The way God gets that is with ordinary people like us who are willing to walk like Jesus, talk like Jesus, and yes, if need be, even suffer like Jesus.