



He is
like a
tree
planted
by
streams
of water
Psalm 1:3

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

February 16, 2022
6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

Pianist: Miriam Johns

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

"Christ, Be Our Light"

#715

CONFESSION / ASSURANCE

L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+),
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Hear us O God.

C: We confess to you Almighty God, before the whole company
of heaven, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought,
word and deed; we pray you have mercy on us, forgive us all
our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

L: May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you
from all of your sins and give you time to amend your life.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

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PSALM 1

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

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SONG

"Blessed Assurance"

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OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

We thank Darl Bishir for leading this service tonight.

Memory Verse

Luke 6:17

{Jesus} came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon

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Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 13, 2022

"Blessed are you... Woe to you..." (Luke 6:17-26)

A couple of Sundays ago, Jesus preached his first sermon at his hometown synagogue in Nazareth. The congregational reaction to Jesus's sermon did not go well as they rose up and tried to kill him! Today, Jesus is again in the pulpit preaching a couple of sermons. Which is being preached to you?

First Sermon: Bless you, all you poor. The kingdoms of this world are helping the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Good news! In God's kingdom, those the world made poor will be made rich. How fortunate are those who are hungry. In God's coming kingdom, there will be more than enough food. You're lucky if you are weeping. Your tears will turn to laughter. Blessed are you when people hate you. Rejoice, your reward in heaven is great.

End of the first sermon. Was God talking directly to you? Did you hear this sermon as good news for you?

Second Sermon. Bad news for those of you who have lots of stuff. You have already received the best that this world has to offer. Now that's over. Those of you who have fat pension plans, big houses, big garages, and big cars, now you will have less. You are about to feel emptiness and hunger. Bad luck for those who are happy, joyful, content, and satisfied. Unfortunately, it's your turn to mourn and weep. Bad times ahead for whom everybody is your friend and nobody is your enemy. Unfortunately, you are about to see how the other half lives.

End of sermon two. Were you comfortable with either sermon? Which sermon did you find Jesus speaking directly to you? Which sermon did you hear with a sense of relief? Which sermon made you squirm?

Jesus says he is preaching good news. One sermon sounds like really good news for some of us. The other sermon sounds like bad news for some of us. Where do these two sermons find you? If you are feeling content, accomplished, and satisfied, then this sermon is not one of your favorites. But if you are feeling empty, mourning loss, overwhelmed by the lack of hope in your life, then maybe Jesus's sermon is good news for you. Rejoice, God's kingdom is for you! Two sermons delivered by the same Jesus. How do you hear them? Law and Gospel? Judgment or grace? Blessings or woes?

Calendar for February 20—March 6, 2022

S/20	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Movie Day
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service*
	2:00 p.m.	Celebration of Women
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Workshop
M/21		President's Day/Office Closes
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/22	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/23	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
T/24	3:30 p.m.	Council Report Deadline
S/26	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys Tri-Squares
S/27	8:00 a.m.	Transfiguration Worship Service**
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Transfiguration Worship Service*
	1:30 p.m.	Grief & Loss Support Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	The Underground
M/28	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Court of Honor
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Lead Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/1	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/2	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting

	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service*
F/4	4:30-6 p.m.	Fish Fry
S/6	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Donuts with Dad
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*

**Holy Communion*

**Livestreamed on zionstmarys.org & broadcasted on WCSM 96.7*



ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 36
 Sunday 8 a.m.: 46, 10:30 a.m.: 36, Total for the Day: 82
 Total for the Week: 118



We invite you to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Juli Clark, Brent Paulus, Lindsay Stephan, Sandi Deerhake, Marvin Elsass, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Carol Bishir, Mark, Amelia Green, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Vicki Bishir, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, Craig Raney, Ken Ankerman, John & Katie, Elly (Cisco) Puttoff & Family, Stephanie Tenyak, Dennis Olberding, Chuck, Deb Ranly, Linda Diers, Sally Van Belkum, Andrew, Ron & Sandy Suchland, Betty Paulus, Mike Mammane, Shelia Slemmons, Darlene Henkener, Bill Nuss, Eileen Zimmerman, Judy Howell, Kathy, David, Kristin Hemmelgarden, Colton Mustard, Teresa Roode, Peter Ackroyd, Family of Joseph Weber, and the Family of Jackie Axe.

Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, 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.

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Jackie Axe, daughter-in-law to Lois Axe and sister-in-law to Linda Opperman; and to the Family of Joseph Weber, brother of Jim & Julie Weber.

Our loose offerings are earmarked for Boy Scout Troop #360.

Choir Practice will start on **Wednesday, February 16**, at 7 p.m., in the choir loft. Anyone who can carry a tune is welcome.

The church office will be closed **Monday, February 21**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

God's invitation for us to return to him, and promise of his grace, mercy, patience, and steadfast love, finds its fullness in Jesus Christ. Following different events during our Lord's Passion we will focus on the people that followed Jesus to see how God calls his people to return to him. Here is our worship schedule for Midweek Lent, 2022.

- March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday: "A Call to Return"
- March 9, 2022 Midweek 1: "Return to Prayer"
- March 16, 2022 Midweek 2: "Return from Betrayal"
- March 23, 2022 Midweek 3: "Return from False Witness"
- March 30, 2022 Midweek 4: "Return from Denial"
- April 6, 2022 Midweek 5: "Return from the Kingdom of God"
- April 14, 2022 Holy Thursday: "Return to the Table"
- April 15, 2022 Good Friday: "Return to the Truth"
- April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday: "Return and See"

A Fish Fry to benefit our seminary student and assist them with the expenses of seminary is being held in the auditorium on **Friday, March 4**, from 4:30—6 p.m. Menu: all you can eat fish, cheesy

potatoes, slaw, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, and drinks...including milk. Tickets are being sold in the church office and at the door. Tickets are: \$8 for adults, \$3 for children between 4-10 years old, free for children 3 and under.

Hey Dads! Sunday, March 6 is Donuts with Dad for all grades. Plan to attend Sunday School with your children that day!

No Sew Fleece Scarf is so easy to make and is a treasured gift! This is great for the not crafty folks, for youth and adults! Makes for a quick and inexpensive gift or for personal use. See the two display colors. We will make the scarf on Tuesday, March 8, from 6-7 p.m. Fee is \$5, to cover cost of materials.

Soup Suppers will once again be held during Lent. Soup, salad, and desserts will be served between, 5—6:30 p.m., in the auditorium. The soup suppers will be held each Wednesday, from March 9—April 6.

Daylight saving time begins again on Sunday, March 13, 2022, when we will spring forward an hour at 2 a.m., local time.

Scholarship for Zion's Youth Members. Seniors and current college students who are members of Zion are eligible for scholarships administered by the St. Marys Community Foundation. Apply online at: www.theSMCF.org. On the home page, refer to the scholarship or student loan link and follow the directions. This scholarship is offered to both seniors and college students who are confirmed members of Zion. Basis of this award will be with participation of weekly worship attendance to Zion or a college congregation of at least 25 Sundays in the year. Deadline to submit your application is midnight, **Sunday, March 13**.

Spring Forward with Heritage Trails Park District on Sunday, March 13th with a 5k hike along the Miami Erie Canall Meet at Noble Township Hall, located at 16586 CR 66A (also known as Brewer Rd.) just north of St. Marys anytime from 1-3pm. Bring the whole family! Pets on a leash are welcome as well. Lose your cabin fever by getting outdoors & seeing the first signs of spring along the canal towpath.. Hope to see you all there!

We have installed equipment for livestreaming of our worship services. They can be found on our Facebook page. 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.

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.



Weekly Needs 7 Week	Budget Y-T-D	Received 2/13	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,068.75	\$42,481.25	\$6,411	\$32,551	\$0
NALC Offering \$290	\$2,030	\$310	\$1,208	
Bank Balance as of 2/14:		\$75,355		



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