

**BLESS  
THE LORD,  
O MY  
SOUL**  
P S A L M 103

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

**February 20, 2022**  
8:00 a.m.  
Setting 10

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**PRELUDE**                      *O God Our Help in Ages Past*                      Roesch

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**              *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*              #886

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**    Page 94

**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.

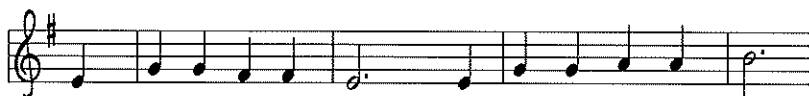
## GREETING

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.

## KYRIE

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- 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

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- 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

Insert

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-15

Insert

PSALM 103:1-13

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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 Luke the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"*

#754

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.

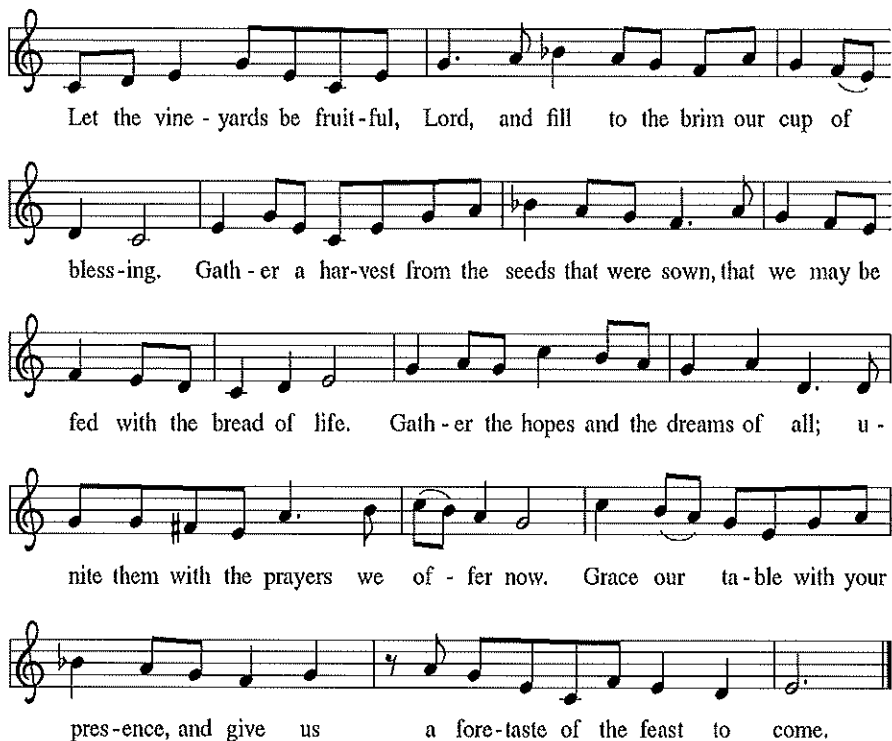
## OFFERING

*A Prayer*

Powell

# OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for your tender mercies and for all that you have so faithfully provided for us. May our gifts be a sign of our love toward you and our desire to do your holy will. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C** Amen.

## 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. By the leading of star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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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

*"What a Feast of Love"*

#487

*"I Come with Joy"*

#482

## 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 humble 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 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

#742

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Let your light shine!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Lobe Den Herren"*

Dixon

**Memory Verse:**

**John 6:35**

*But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.*



*Happy Birthday Nora!*

*The Altar Flowers are given in to the Glory of God in celebration of Nora Staunton's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, given by her family.*

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***Today, February 20\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Jake Ackroyd  
10:30am: Calianna Bond-Awls
- Communion** 8AM: John Hesse, Jody Slemmons  
**Assistants:** 10:30AM: Allison Ackroyd, Cheryl Macklem
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Zoey Henning  
10:30AM: Genevieve Brown
- Ushers:** 8AM: Mark & Connie Torsell, Steve & Dora McAfee  
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Darl Bishir,  
Dan Macklem, Keith Fledderjohann

**Fellowship** 8AM: Joyce Ross  
**Table:** 10:30am: Kathy & Craig Miller  
**Greeters:** 8AM: Joni Immenshuh, Judy Schultz  
 10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie  
**Readers:** 8AM: Linda Yahl  
 10:30AM: Kathy Lampert

***Next Sunday, February 27\****

**Acolytes:** 8AM: Allison Ankerman  
 10:30am: Aiden Meinerding  
**Communion** 8AM: Mark & Connie Torsell  
**Assistants:** 10:30AM: Ann Maki, Darl Bishir  
**Crucifers:** 8AM: Katie Mertz  
 10:30AM: Liz Ackroyd  
**Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Chris White, Deb Henning,  
 Bob Hinschlager  
 10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Dana Cook  
 John & Donna Ankerman  
**Fellowship** 8AM: Becky Harvey  
**Table:** 10:30am: Lorra & Andrew O'Bryan  
**Greeters:** 8AM: Ryan & Brandy Yahl  
 10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee  
**Readers:** 8AM: Kathy Langsdon  
 10:30: Savannah Slater

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## 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](http://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, Family of Jackie Axe, Beth Baharani, Ruth Schreffler, and the Family of Kenneth Hunter.

**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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> with a 5k hike along the Miami Erie Canal! 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!

**The Women of Zion are invited** to the Lenten Breakfast, on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m., at Wayne Street United Methodist Church. Guest speaker is Julie Jacobs from Joint Township District Memorial Hospital. Please call WSUMC to make your reservation.

**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.



<b>Weekly Needs 7 Weeks</b>	<b>Budget Y-T-D</b>	<b>Received 2/13</b>	<b>Offerings Y-T-D</b>	<b>On Hold</b>
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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# Listening for the Promise

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Third Sunday of Lent – March 20, 2022

*“For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.”*

– 1 Corinthians 10:4b–5–

Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, writes sobering words to the church in Corinth (and to us). This church enjoyed the grace God lavished upon them. They “were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge” (1:5) and lacked no spiritual gift (see 1:7).

They, like the Israelites to whom Paul refers in chapter ten, partook of Christ, the living water (see v. 4). They, like the Israelites, experienced union with God through baptism (see v. 2). They, like the Israelites, enjoyed God’s provision and guidance. Yet God was displeased with most of the Israelites and, as a result, all but two (Joshua and Caleb) in the first generation died in the wilderness rather than entering the Promised Land.

So, Paul warns the Corinthians and us, using Israel as an example (see v. 6). It can be easy to assume God’s pleasure in us when he envelopes us in his grace and provision. We must not, however, take these blessings for granted and allow ourselves to slip into sin. We must not begin to cultivate a sense of entitlement that leads to grumbling against God (see v. 10). We must not become so confident in our ability to stand strong in the faith that we fall (see v. 12).

Even Paul knew he needed to “exercise self-control in all things” (9:25) and discipline himself, or risk falling (see 9:27). He knew that obtaining the prize necessitated running in such a way as to win it (see 9:24–25).

The same is true for us. No, we cannot do anything to earn salvation. But God calls us to walk in the newness of life that Christ bestows upon us (see Eph. 4:22–24). He tells us that, if we walk in darkness, we do not have fellowship with him. So, he calls us to walk in the light as he is in the light (see 1 Jn. 1:6–7).

But God knows that, on our own, we cannot do this. So, he walks with us and gives us everything we need to obey him as we depend on him. He assures us, “I am faithful and will not let you be tempted beyond your ability. I will provide a way out” (v. 13).