



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

March 6, 2022
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude Expectavi

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

#769

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.

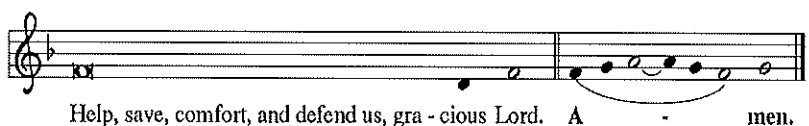
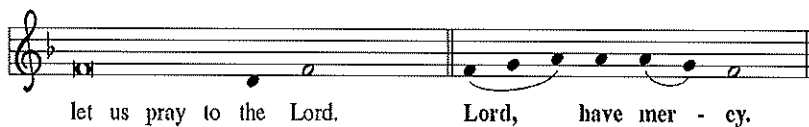
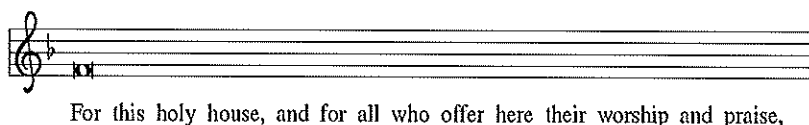
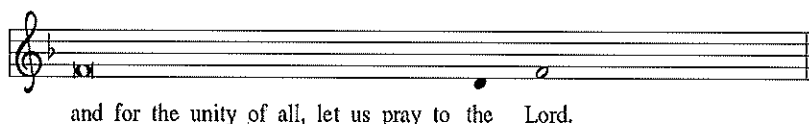
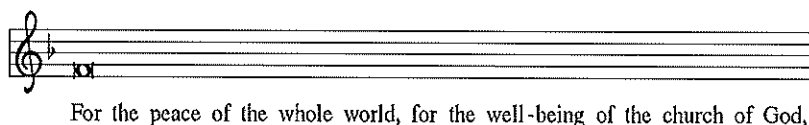
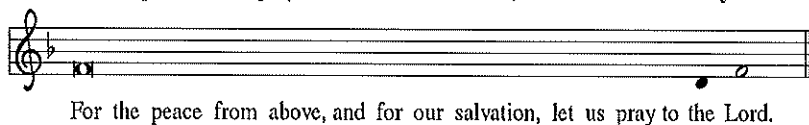
C: **Amen.**

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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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PSALM 91:1-13

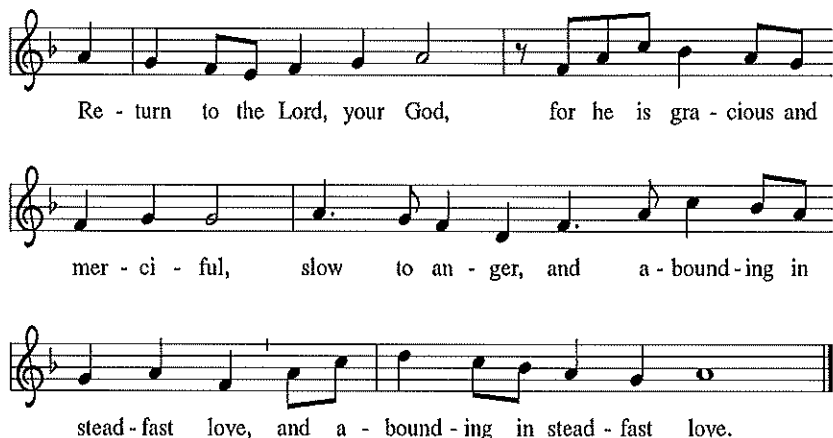
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SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

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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 Luke the fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* #517

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY*Steal Away to Jesus***CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

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



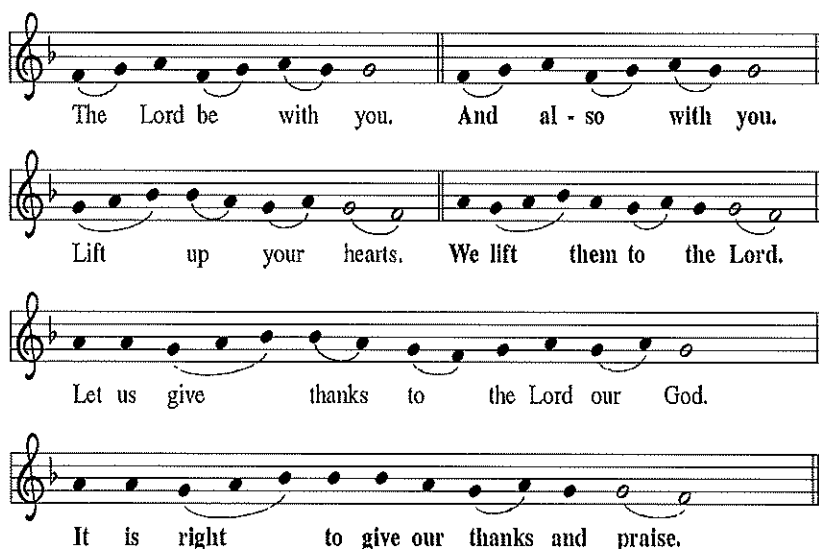
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of love, you have provided for our every need from your abundant bounty. Grant us grateful hearts that we may give generously to those in need and thereby show your love to the world around us.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE



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.

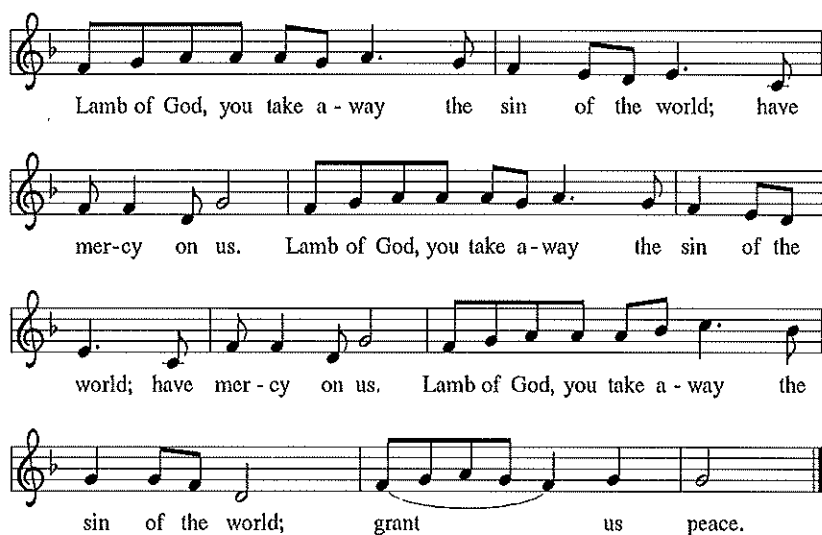
LORD'S PRAYER

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"

#321

"Bread of Life from Heaven"

#474

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 *"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"*

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Memory Verse:

Romans 10:13

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the Carl & Frieda Ankerman Family & the Hersch & Helen Slemmons Family. They are given by Ken & Suzie Ankerman

Today, March 6*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Megan Miller
10:30am: Makenna Meinerding
- Communion Assistants:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Jody Slemmons
10:30AM: Darl Bishir, Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Isaac Torsell
10:30AM: Savannah Slater

Ushers: 8AM: Judy Schultz, Mark & Connie Torsell
Dora McAfee
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Keith Fledderjohann,
Stan & Debbie Brown

Fellowship Table: 8AM: Marilyn & Jody Slemmons
10:30am: Jenny Eberle

Greeters: 8AM: John & Amy Hesse
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Cheryl Macklem

Readers: 8AM: Nora Staunton
10:30: Andrew O'Bryan

Next Sunday, March 13*

Acolytes: 8AM: Braylon Lampert
10:30am: Grady Hughes

Ushers: 8AM: Jody Slemmons, John & Amy Hesse,
Bob Hinschlager
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Dan Macklem,
Ken & Suzie Ankerman

Fellowship Table: 8AM: Kraig & Miriam Johns
10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem

Greeters: 8AM: Ed & Linda Yahl
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille

Readers: 8AM: Alexa Coldiron
10:30AM: Stephanie Ross

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 27
 Sunday 8 a.m.: 55, 10:30 a.m.: 50, Total for the Day, 105
 Total for the Week, 132
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 CHURCH OFFICE.....419-394-3115

Calendar for March 6-20, 2022

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*
M/7	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/8	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Craft Night
W/9	9:30 a.m.	Women's Board Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Service*
Th/10	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
S/12	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/13	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
M/14	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/15	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
W/16	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Service
Th/17	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Rehearsal
S/20	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bring a Friend

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service*

7:00 p.m. Men's Workshop

**Holy Communion*

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



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, Darlene Henekener, Sally Van Belkum, Andrew, Ron & Sandy Suchland, Betty Paulus, Mike Mammane, Shelia Slemmons, Darlene Henekener, Bill Nuss, Eileen Zimmerman, Judy Howell, Kathy, David, Kristin Hemmelgarden, Colton Mustard, Teresa Roode, Stephanie Tenyak, Deb Ranly, Beth Baharani, Ruth Schreffler, Linda Diers, Chuck, Mike, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Peter Ackroyd, Brian Comer, and the Family of Emily Leonhard.

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 Emily Leonhard.

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

Thank You! Mary Bates from NALC picked up the following items on February 16: 49 Health Kits, 45 Blankets, 52 Baby Blankets & 4 Baby Wipes, 45 Buckets, and 12 Bibles. Thanks again to all who made this possible!

A thank you from Sandee Burd for the beautiful birthday cards.

The Community Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 9, 10:00 - noon. Candy donations (no peanut products) are needed **now** to start filling thousands of eggs. Cookie, prize, and cash donations are welcomed and needed as well. Prayerfully consider donating or volunteering your time to help us with this event. Teens and older children can help too! Thank you in advance.

Easter Food Drive for Agape Ministries Food Pantry going on **now** until **March 18**. Drop off items at Agape Client Services Building Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Items needed: Instant Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Boxes of Scalloped & Cheesy-Au Gratin Potatoes, Egg Noodles, Pie Filling, Brownie & Cake Mixes with Frosting, Pie Crusts, Baking essentials-Oil, Flour, Sugar, Salad Dressing, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Can Fruit, Jelly and Jam. Please note clients can only visit the food pantry every 30 days so the food items will start to be given out on March 21st.

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 focus on the people that followed Jesus to see how God calls his people to return to him. Here is our worship schedule for rest of Midweek Lent:

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

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**, 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 13**, 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!

Bring a Friend Sunday is **Sunday, March 20** for all grades. Invite your friends to attend Sunday school with you!

The Women of Zion are invited to the Lenten Breakfast, on **Saturday, March 26**, 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.

Flower Chart: the first 6 months of 2022 is 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. Upcoming dates still available: **April 3 & 10.**

Agape Ministries Newsletter can be found on the bulletin board by the alley entrance for all interested.

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 9 Week	Budget Y-T-D	Received 2/27	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,068.75	\$54,619	\$2,770	\$41,131	\$0
NALC Offering \$290	\$2,610	\$148	\$1,305	
Bank Balance as of 2/28:		\$72,595		

Council Installation 2022

ORGANIZATION:

President Neal Brady
Vice President: Chris White
Secretary: Jeanne Wurster
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YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: Genevieve Brown

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Marion Slater, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

First Sunday of Lent – March 6, 2022

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.”

–Luke 4:1-2a–

Every Sunday he made his way toward the exit. George shook my hand and always said the same thing, “Peace be with you.” This has stood out for me in a couple of different ways. The first is that George never participated in the sharing of the peace, unless I or someone in the congregation made it a point to go to him, but this peace was almost always shared as he was leaving the church. It would be the last words I heard from him most weeks.

When George came to the point where he could no longer attend the liturgy due to health issues, I realized how much I missed this simple greeting, especially in light of the verse noted above. As Jesus is preparing for the time of his ascension, he is imparting to the disciples peace. Such peace is not the absence of conflict. Jesus prepared the disciples not simply to be ready for conflict, but hatred and persecution. He further prepared them for the reality of death, that as Jesus was put to death by those who hated him, so too would be his disciples.

The peace we have comes in Jesus’ promise going back to his final words before his crucifixion. “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (Jn. 16:33)

When we go out into the world, we enter a world where Christian values are, or already have, eroded. We go into a world that has drastically different values. The world has rejected basic biology of being created male and female, has abandoned God’s design for marriage as being between a man and woman, has lifted up abortion as the answer to unexpected pregnancies, and labels as hate speech basic biblical teaching that does not endorse the “almighty me” ideology. Yes, faithful witness to Christ will be challenging. Yet, in our witness to Jesus we have peace.

As we go, remember that we go with the presence of Christ. “Lo, I am with you always to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20) We go with the one who is the Prince of Peace, from whom nothing can separate us (Romans 8).