

Third



SUNDAY IN LENT

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

March 20, 2022
8:00 a.m.

Setting 3

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PRELUDE

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

#618

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.

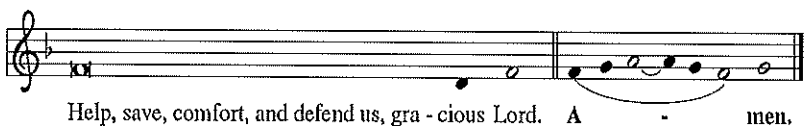
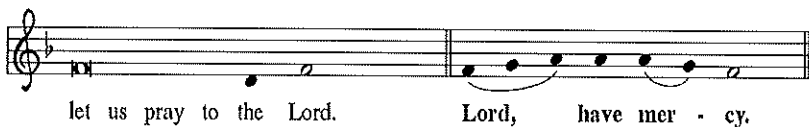
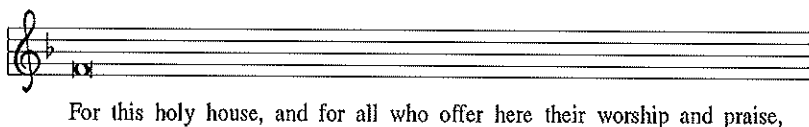
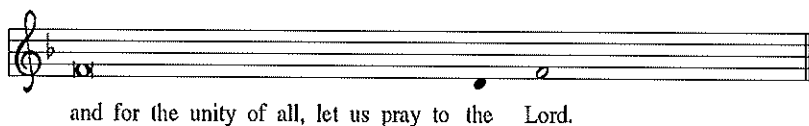
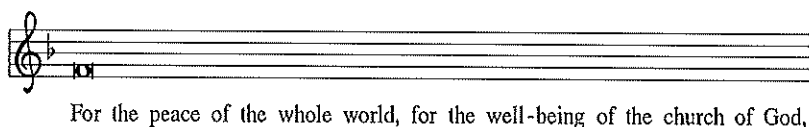
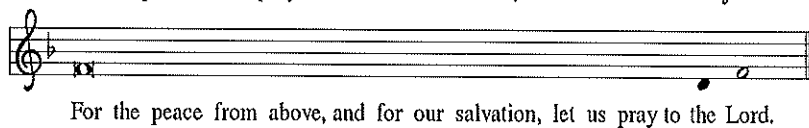
C: Amen.

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

Ezekiel 33:7-20

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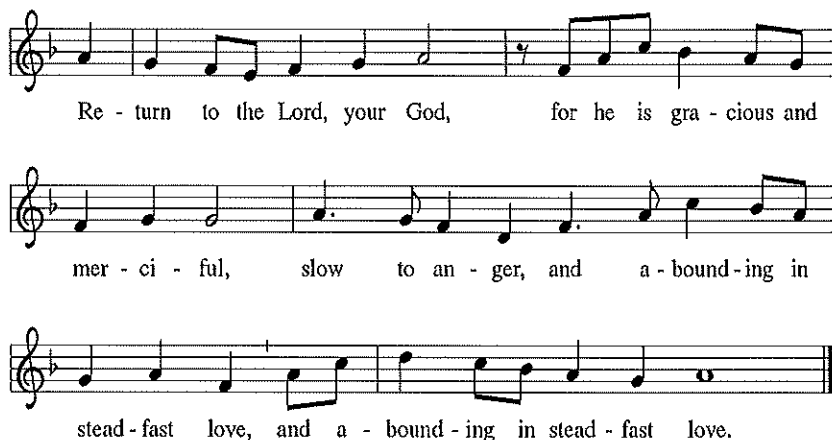
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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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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 thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Our Father, We Have Wandered"*

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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.

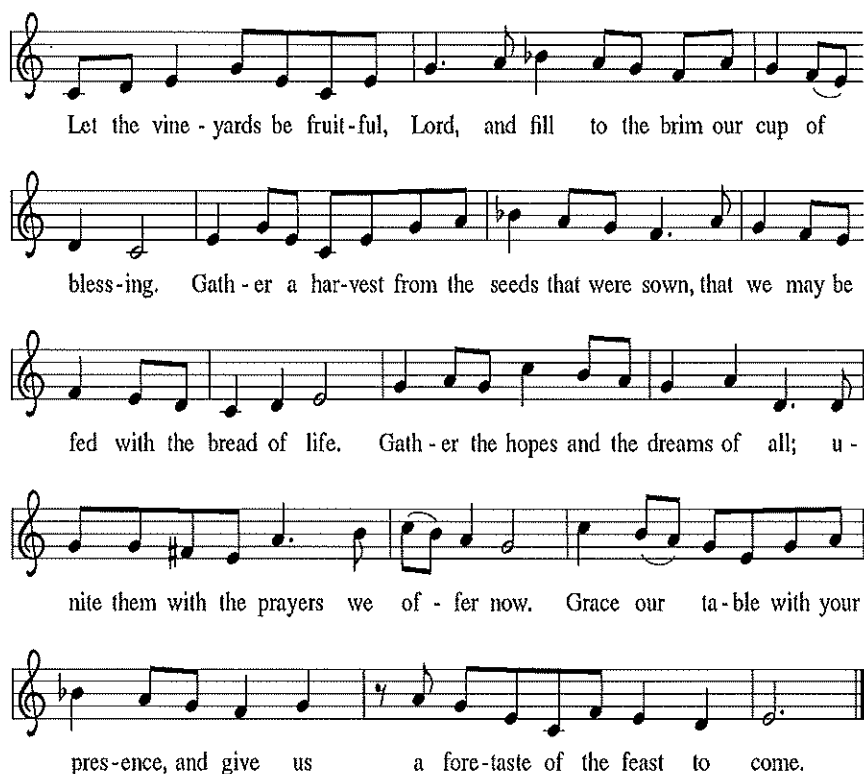
PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

CONGREGATIONAL SONG



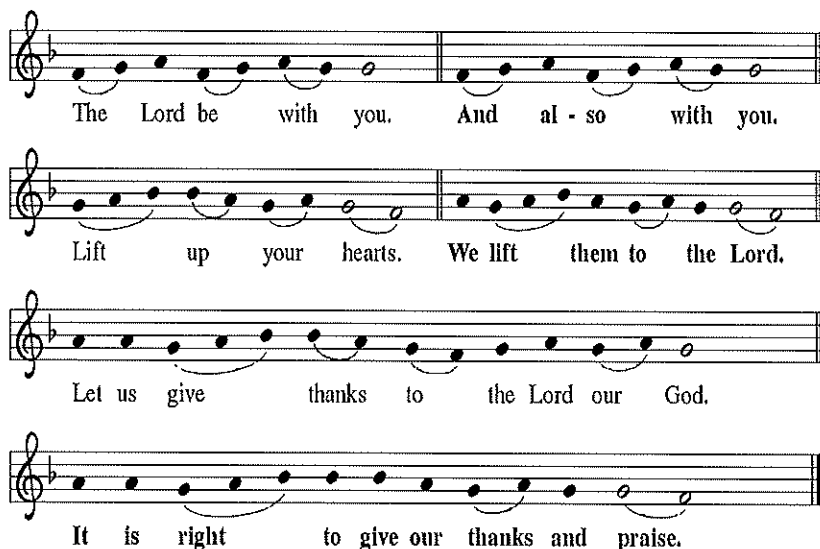
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

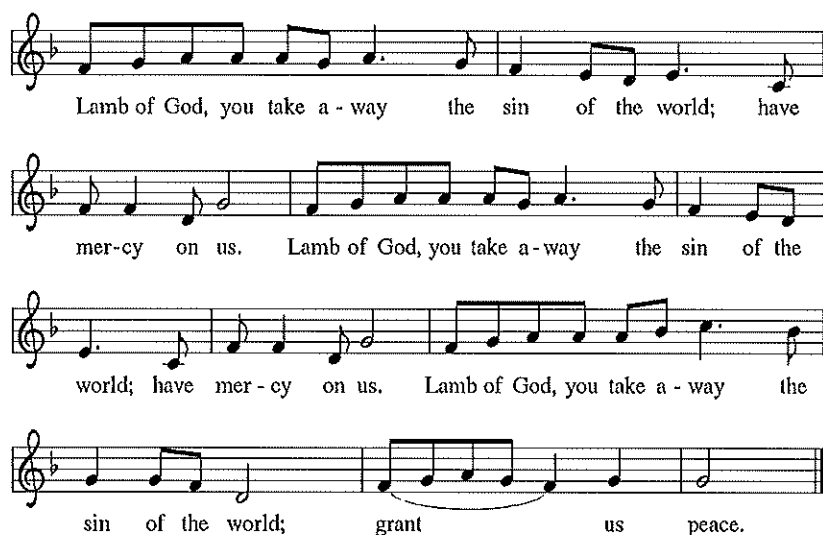
LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

#623

"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"

#461

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 *"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"*

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Memory Verse:

Luke 13:8-9

⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'



The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of John & Donna Ankerman's 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Today, March 20*

Acolytes: 8AM: Calianna Bond-Awls

10:30am: Jake Ackroyd

Communion 8AM: John Hesse, Chris White

Assistants: 10:30AM: Pam Fledderjohann, Ann Maki

Crucifers: 8AM: Zoey Henning

10:30AM: Genevieve Brown

Ushers: 8AM: Steve & Dora McAfee, Mark & Connie Torsell
 10:30AM: Dan Macklem, John & Donna Ankerman,
 Darl Bishir

Fellowship Table: 8AM: Pastor Bill & Ann Maki
 10:30am: Bill & Marilyn Nedderman

Greeters: 8AM: Vic Von Blon, Sandy Wierwille
 10:30AM: Jeremy & Alexa Kemmann

Readers: 8AM: Vic Von Blon
 10:30AM: Stanley Brown

Next Sunday, March 27*

Acolytes: 8AM: Makenna Meinerding
 10:30am: Megan Miller

Ushers: 8AM: Jeanne Wuster, Rhonda Weaver,
 Bob Hinschlager, Mark Torsell
 10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille,
 John & Donna Ankerman, Darl Bishir

Fellowship Table: 8AM: Doug & Martha Stetler
 10:30am: Stan & Debbie Brown

Greeters: 8AM: Nora Staunton, Becky Harvey
 10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Ruth Hoenie

Readers: 8AM: Linda Decker
 10:30AM: Debbie Brown

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 91
 Sunday 8 a.m.: 45, 10:30 a.m.: 35, Total for the Day, 80
 Total for the Week, 171
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Calendar for March 20—April 3, 2022

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*
	1:30 p.m.	Grief & Loss Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Workshop
M/21	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/22	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/23	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 Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service*
S/26	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys Tri-Squares
S/27	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
M/28	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/29	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/30	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 Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service
T/31	3:30 p.m.	Council Report Deadline
S/2	10:00 a.m.	First Communion Class
S/3	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service**
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*

**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, 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, Mike Mammane, 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, Andrew, Rick Broyles, Jim, Beth Olberding, Gary Kesley, Rhonda's Dad, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Peter Ackroyd, Sandy Bergman, Mike Paulus, and the Family of Marvin Elsass.

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 Marvin Elsass, brother of Sandy Wierwille.

Our loose offerings for March are earmarked for the NALC Great Commission Fund.

Thank you to Eric Langsdon and his helpers for preparing the fish, Chris White and Nora Staunton for organizing and preparing the food and all the women who made desserts. We can't forget all the other helpers who did a terrific job working to put this event

on. It took all of us as a family to make this a successful event. We collected \$2,500 towards our seminary expense fund. Thank you everyone!

Thank you to the Women's Council for taking care of last Wednesday's Soup Supper. The Soup Suppers will continue to be served between, 5—6:30 p.m., in the auditorium during lent.

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 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 17**, Easter Sunday: "Return and See"

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.

Easter Lilies: Forms to order an Easter Lily can be found included with this bulletin. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 27**.

First Communion Class is for all baptized students, grade 3 and older, and/or whose parents believe them to be ready to receive the Sacrament. As the opportunity to fulfill the baptismal vow to bring your child to Lord's Supper, parent, godparent, or guardian attendance for this two-hour course is expected as well. This

course will be held on **Saturday, April 2**, from 10-12 noon. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 14, service. Please RSVP to the church office by phone, 419-394-3115, or by a note on your "I worship today" form.

A Seder Meal will be held in the Auditorium on **Sunday, April 10**, beginning at 5pm. Please RSVP on an "I Worshiped Today" or call the office to reserve you place for the event. Please let us know how many people you will be bringing to the meal.

Easter Breakfast will once again be held at 8:00 a.m. on **Easter Sunday, April 17**. Please sign up on your "I Worshiped Today" if you plan to attend with the number attending.

The Community Easter Egg Hunt is **Saturday, April 9**, 10-12 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.

April's Crafty project is Aromatherapy bracelets, hosted by Linda Yahl. The date is **Sunday, April 24**, from 2-4 p.m., in the All-Purpose Room. The cost will be \$10, plus a minimal charge for additional oil blends to be used on the bracelets. The oil used on the bracelet the day it is made is figured into the cost of the bracelet. There are samples of beads and spacers on the women's craft table in the narthex. When you sign up, there is a sheet that we are asking you to fill out, so the proper oils are brought to the event. Contact Linda Yahl if there are questions. 419-305-3591.

Our Women's Lenten Fundraiser envelopes were handed out last Wednesday. If you did not get one but would like to participate, there are envelopes on the tables in the narthex. The

funds go toward the yearly expenses of our women programs here at Zion. Thank you for participating and supporting what the women do.

We have installed equipment for livestreaming of our worship services. The worship services 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 11 Week		Budget Y-T-D	Received 3/13	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current	\$6,068.75	\$66,756.25	\$7,472	\$56,442	\$0
NALC Offering	\$290	\$3,190	\$120.50	\$1406.50	
Bank Balance as of 3/14:			\$74,787		

Council Installation 2022

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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).