



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
North Wayne Street
Saint Marys, OH 45885

March 20, 2022
Contemporary Service
10:30 a.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be Bold Be Strong

Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you
Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you
Do not be afraid, do not be dismayed
Walk in faith and victory
Walk in faith and victory
Walk in faith and victory
for the Lord your God is with you

We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation
And Lord of my life
Lord of the land and the sea
You were Lord of the heavens
Before there was time
And Lord of all lords You will be

We bow down
And we worship You Lord
We bow down
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And we worship You Lord
Lord of all lords You will be

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Before the throne of God above

Words: Charitie L Bancroft, Music: Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

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.**

ASSURANCE

L: *Hear these words:* In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

CONTINUE SINGING...

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

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SIGN OF PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC

<u>FIRST READING</u>	Ezekiel 33:7-20	Insert
<u>PSALM 85</u>		Insert
<u>SECOND READING</u>	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Insert
<u>GOSPEL</u>	Luke 13:1-9	Insert

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF THE BAPTISM OF SOPHIA GRACE MERRICLE

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the Body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

R: *We present to this community of faith, **Sophia Grace Merricle**, who was baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

P: In Christian love you have had this child baptized. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R: *We do.*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood, you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from bondage to sin and death and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We give you thanks that by your Holy Spirit *Sophia Grace* has been given new life through the waters of Baptism, and that you have made her an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

C: **I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?
C: **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C: **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.**

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the power of this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon ***Sophia Grace***: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
C: **Amen.**

(Pastor takes and holds the child to make the sign of the cross in oil on the child's forehead.)

P: ***Sophia Grace***, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

(A lighted candle may be given to a parent or Godparent, who may then say:)

S: *Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Through Baptism God has made ***Sophia Grace Merricle*** a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the earth.

C: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN

"Borning Cry"

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PRAYERS

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

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

That We May Be Filled

Not as we ought
But as we are able we offer our thanks
As we come to Your table
Through Word and Spirit bless us
Through bread and wine refresh us
That we may be filled
That we may be filled with love

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE MEAL

POST COMMUNION BLESSING



BENEDICTION

Spirit Song

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart
And satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things
That hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life
And make you whole

Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing this song
With gladness as your hearts
Are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender
To His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

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SENDING SONG

The Trees of The Field

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
And the mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

(Repeat 1x)

While you go out with joy

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SENDING

P: Go in peace. Jesus loves you!

C: Thanks be to God.

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.'"

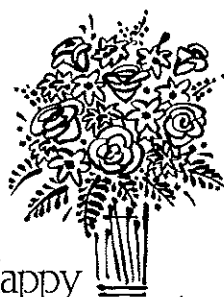


Zion Praise Band

Piano	-	Debbie Brown
Guitar	-	Alexa Kemmann
Tambourine	-	Cheryl Macklem

Zion Praise Team

Deb Brown	Stan Brown	Mindy Thiebeau
Sandy Wierwille	Genevieve Brown	Alexa Kemmann
Pastor Bill	Savannah Slater	



Happy
Anniversary!

*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	8AM: Pastor Bill & Ann Maki
Table:	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	8AM: Doug & Martha Stetler
Table:	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, Shelly Finke, 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.

We celebrate the baptism of Sophia Grace Merricle, daughter of Allen & Lee Ann, today by a Public Recognition of her Baptism.

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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