

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

April 3, 2022
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE *Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"* #337

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

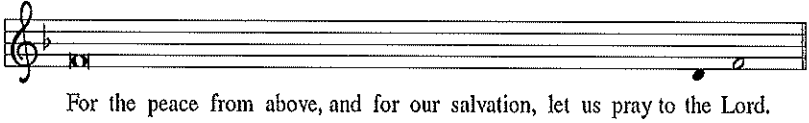
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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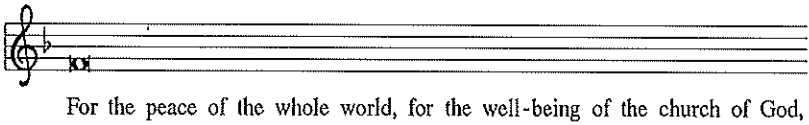
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



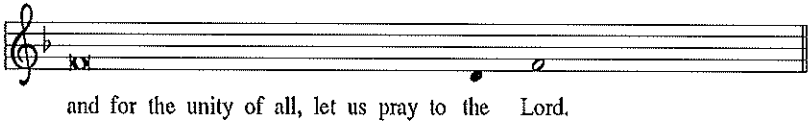
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



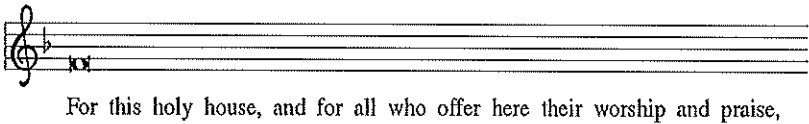
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



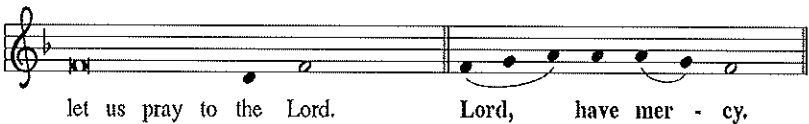
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



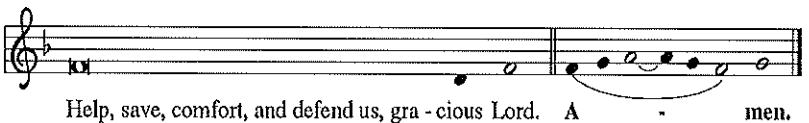
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

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PSALM 126

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SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

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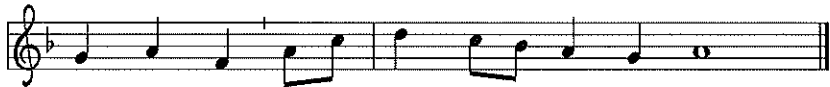
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 20:9-20

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

#324

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

Choir: Remember Me

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



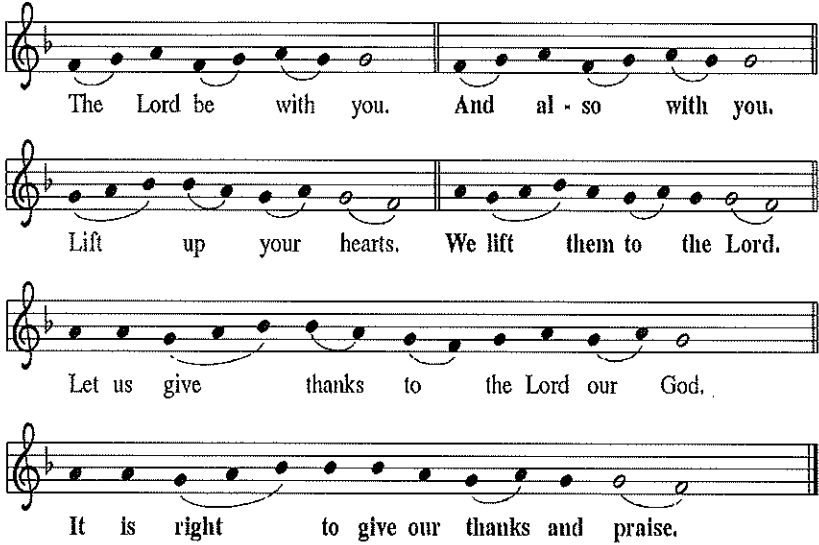
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. 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.

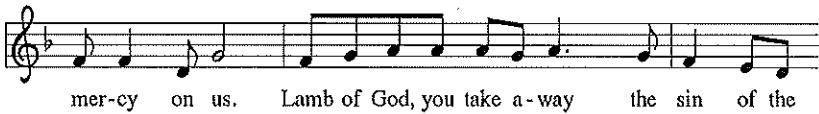
LORD'S PRAYER

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



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

#335

"Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed"

#463

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 *"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"* #327

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Memory Verse:**Luke 20:18**

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."



The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God for His many blessings by Dan & Cheryl Macklem.

Today, April 3*

Acolytes: 8AM: Aiden Meinerding
10:30am: Allison Ankerman

Communion 8AM: John Hesse
Assistants: 10:30AM: Allison Ackroyd

Crucifers: 8AM: Zoey Henning
10:30AM: Liz Ackroyd

Ushers: 8AM: Jody Slemmons, John & Amy Hesse,
Rhonda Weaver
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Dan Macklem,
Dana Cook, Keith Fledderjohann

**Fellowship
Table:** 8AM: Deb Henning
10:30am: Sandy Wierwille

Greeters: 8AM: Chris White, Sandy Wierwille
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee

Readers: 8AM: Doris Cook
10:30: Liz Ackroyd

*Next Sunday, April 10**

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

**Communion
Assistants:** 8AM: Connie Torsell
10:30AM: Dan & Cheryl Macklem

Crucifers: 8AM: Zoey Henning
10:30AM: Savannah Slater

Ushers: 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Doug Stetler,
Steve & Dora McAfee
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Darl Bishir,
John & Donna Ankerman

**Fellowship
Table:** 8AM: Kraig & Miriam Johns
10:30am: Kathy & Craig Miller

Greeters: 8AM: Ryan & Brandy Yahl
10:30AM: Jeremy & Alexa Kemmann

Readers: 8AM: Steve McAfee
10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 87
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 40, 10:30 a.m.: 32, Total for the Day, 72
..... Total for the Week, 159
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CHURCH OFFICE..... 419-394-3115

Calendar for April 3-17, 2022

S/3	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service**
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
M/4	1:00 p.m.	Blooming Babies
	2:00 p.m.	Movers & Bloomers
	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/5	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/6	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship Service*
S/9	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Community Easter Egg
S/10	8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship*
	5:00 p.m.	Seder Meal
M/11	1:00 p.m.	Blooming Babies
	2:00 p.m.	Movers & Bloomers
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/12	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline

W/13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	9:30 a.m.	Women Council Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Rehearsal
		No Service
Th/14	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship*/First Communion & Stripping of the Altar
F/15	12 Noon	Newsletter Article Deadline
	12 Noon	Office Closes
	7:00 p.m.	Service of Shadows
S/17	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Easter Worship*
	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Easter Worship*

**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, 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, 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, Gerry Cordier, Ruth Brandenburg, James Moyar, Bill Nuss, Shelly Finke, Diana Paulus, Peter Ackroyd, Mike Paulus, and the Family of Jeanie Rush.

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.

Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of April is earmarked for the NALC Disaster Response Fund, North American Lutheran Church, 2299 Palmer Dr., Suite 220, New Brighton, MN 55112-2202. **Our Easter Sunday loose plate will go to Zion current expenses.**

Thank you to the Women's Fellowship Group for taking care of last Wednesday's Soup Supper. The last Soup Supper will be served between, 5—6:30 p.m., in the auditorium next Wednesday.

The Community Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 9, 10-12 noon. Cookies, candy, and volunteers are still needed. Teens and older children can help too! Thank you in advance.

Burning of the Roof Loan will take place on Palm Sunday, April 10, at both services. We will also do the processional of palms.

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.

Dorcas Quilting has completed a baby quilt on display in the narthex. This quilt is for auction with a minimum bid of \$60. If interested, please fill out bid form and place in box on table with the quilt. Bids will be taken until Tuesday, April 12, and highest bid will be notified.

Maundy Thursday worship service will be held on **April 14** at 7:00pm in the main Sanctuary. Public foot washing will be held from 6:15pm to 6:45pm in the main Sanctuary prior to the service.

Our Good Friday service will be held **April 15**, at 7pm in the main Sanctuary. It will again be a service of shadows in which scripture accounts of Christ's passion will be read as the light in the Sanctuary is dimmed.

The church office will be closed at 12 noon on **Good Friday, April 15**. We will also be closed all day on the **Monday after Easter, April 18**. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 19, at 8:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17 Schedule:

- Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00am, includes Holy Communion
- Easter Breakfast follows at 8:00pm in the Auditorium (Sign up on Your "I Worshiped Today")
- Sunday school starting at 9:15
- Contemporary Easter Service at 10:30am, includes Holy Communion

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. Dates still available: **April 24, May 15, and June 5.**

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.

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 13 Week	Budget Y-T-D	Received 3/27	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,068.75	\$78,897	\$6,159	\$67,522	\$0
NALC Offering \$290	\$3770	\$268	\$1,889	
Bank Balance as of 3/28:				
		\$78,709		

Council Installation 2022

ORGANIZATION:

President Neal Brady
Vice President: Chris White
Secretary: Jeanne Wurster
Assistant Secretary: Genevieve Brown
Treasurer: Pete Ackroyd
Assistant Secretary Andrew O'Bryan

COUNCIL AT LARGE: *Cheryl Macklem, Andrew O'Bryan, Darl Bishir,
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YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: *Genevieve Brown*

MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND: *Doris Cook, Darl Bishir,
Marion Slater, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer*

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.”

–Philippians 3:7–

Paul’s “resume of righteousness” stood to impress the most ardent follower of God. If anyone measured up to God’s standard it was Paul: circumcised on the eighth day, from the tribe of Benjamin, a Pharisee who scrupulously followed the letter of the law; “blameless” (v. 6). Certainly, when it came to righteousness before God, it seemed Paul had everything going for him.

Paul, however, after his conversion on the road to Damascus, discovered otherwise. He realized that whatever he accomplished in life; whatever credentials he thought he earned; whatever strides he made toward righteousness; whatever his social status and reputation; whatever intellectual prowess; whatever moral or religious standing he attained were actually nothing but losses. Nothing on his list came even remotely close to achieving righteousness and, thus, right-standing with God. Paul realized only one word belonged in the gains column of his righteousness tally sheet: Christ. Christ plus nothing. Christ alone (*solus Christus*) through faith alone (*sola fide*) by grace alone (*sola gratia*) to the glory of God alone (*solī Deo gloria*). Paul understood that only a complete reliance on Jesus brings us into right relationship with God and, thus, eternal life. Faith in anything less, Paul taught, amounts to putting one’s faith in “rubbish” (v. 8). The extreme contrast Paul paints could not be any greater: Christ versus rubbish. When stated like that, it seems the right choice could not be any more obvious. But, in our humanity, we can all too often forget and end up exchanging Christ for rubbish. We do this when we start to believe very important disciplines and Christ-like behaviors like good deeds somehow earn right standing with God. They never did, and they never will.

So, Christ versus rubbish. Which one will we choose? Like the extreme contrast between these two options, the result of our choice is also an extreme contrast: eternal life versus death. Choosing to live by faith in Christ alone results in intimacy with him that changes everything. It results in a transformed identity, changed desires, perspectives, and motivations. It results in a life lived in Christ and led by the power of his Holy Spirit. Truly, it results in abundant life (see John 10:10).