



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

May 25, 2022
6:30 p.m.

I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace

John 16:33 a

PRELUDE

Pianist: Miriam Johns

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

"Blessed Assurance"

#638

CONFESSION / ASSURANCE

L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+),
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Hear us O God.

C: We confess to you Almighty God, before the whole company
of heaven, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought,
word and deed; we pray you have mercy on us, forgive us all
our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

L: May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you
from all of your sins and give you time to amend your life.

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

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PSALM 67

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SECOND READING

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

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GOSPEL

John 16:23-33

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SONG

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

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OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

We thank Darl Bishir for leading this service tonight.

Memory Verse

John 16:33

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."

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Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 22, 2022

“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.”

–John 16:33–

This verse from the Gospel of John, chronicles the last words of Jesus to his disciples before his arrest. And last words carry a lot of weight. Jesus, fully knowing the events to come in his death and resurrection, and the trials his disciples will face as they remain in the world and carry on his mission, forewarns, comforts, and teaches (see chs. 13–16).

Jesus lovingly prepares and strengthens his disciples for what is to come. He knew the fear and devastation his disciples would experience with his death. And he knew they needed to know that his death on the cross was the gateway to victory and life for him and all who believed, and not the gateway to defeat and death.

So, Jesus proclaims he will return to them (see 16:16). And not only will he return alive, having conquered sin and death, he promises to, one day take them to himself, “that where I am you may be also” (14:3b). In the meantime, he assures them, “I will not leave you as orphans” (14:18). “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper” (14:16), the Holy Spirit to dwell within them (14:17).

So many promises arising from what looked like utter defeat as Jesus’ life ebbed away on the cross. But not even death or the powers of hell could defeat him (see Heb. 2:14). So, in his last words before his arrest, Jesus assures his disciples that, although they remain in the world for a while longer and experience tribulation, they will simultaneously live in him who has overcome the world. And this changes everything that really matters.

Yes, they, like Jesus, will suffer persecution and, for some, even death (see 15:20). But, in Christ, the crosses they bear become the gateway to victory and life (see Matt. 10:38–39). And, remaining in Christ throughout it all brings peace and the courage to continue his mission on earth no matter what the cost.

Jesus gives us the same promises he gave his first disciples. We too can experience peace in him in the midst of persecution and death because, in him, they become the gateway to victory and eternal life.

Calendar for May 29—June 12, 2022

S/29	8:00 a.m.	Ascension Sunday Worship**
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Ascension Sunday Worship*
M/30		Memorial Day/Office Closed
T/31	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/1	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
Th/2	3:30 p.m.	Council Report Deadline
F/3	9:00 a.m.	Life Line Screening
S/4	10:00 a.m.	St. Marys Canal Walk for Water 2022 starting at Memorial Park Gazebo
S/5	8:00 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday Worship* (Wear Red)
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
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**Holy Communion*

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



ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 28
 Sunday 8 a.m.:52, 10:30 a.m.:37, Total for the Day: 89
 Total for the Week: 117

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, Mark, Amelia Green, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Vicki Bishir, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, Craig Raney, Ken Ankerman, John & Katie, Darlene Henekener, James Moyar, Bill Nuss, Kathy, Kristin Hemmelgarden, Teresa

Roode, Deb Ranly, Russell, Linda Diers, Rick Broyles, Ron & Sandy Suchland, Diane (Applegate) Swartz, Dora McAfee, Pastor Phil Gagnon, John Meinerding, Lillian, Mike Paulus, Deb Henning, Virginia Loyer, Bruce Pannabecker and Eileen Zimmerman.

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 **May** is earmarked for the Oesterlen Services for Youth in Springfield, Ohio.

St. Marys Canal Walk for Water 2022 will be held **Saturday, June 4**, at 10 AM, at *Memorial Park Gazebo (by the canal boat), located at Chestnut and South Streets (by the library)*. We will walk 1 mile south, to KC Geiger Park. There is no fee for walking. Pets on a leash are welcome. We will walk one mile along the canal, fill or partially fill your bucket, and return to the Gazebo. Bring your friends! Bring your donation! Our goal this year is \$1,000, for Water Mission. Water Mission is a nonprofit, Christian engineering organization based in North Charleston, South Carolina, USA that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. Join us and watch God bless our vision and our church as well as the lives of those we will change forever. This is your opportunity to provide comfort in the face of suffering and bring people to Christ. I hope to see you there! Sign up link is on our front page of our website: www.zionstmarys.org Our loose offering in June will support the ministry of Water Mission

Pentecost Sunday is June 5. We encourage everyone to wear red. Red is used at Pentecost, recalling the fiery tongues that descended upon the Apostles when they received the Holy Spirit

Creative Crafters will be planting succulents for our summer kitchen, patio, or deck. Each person will pot two (2) plants. The cost will be \$9 per person. Eight (8) openings are available. Sign up in the binder at the display table provided in the Narthex.

HayDay! Growing in Friendship with Jesus is our VBS this year! HayDay! will be held at Zion on **Saturday, June 11, 9 – 3 p.m.**, Teen and adult volunteers are needed. Student registration is now open for ages 3 - 12 on the church website. Please contact Mindy for more information.

Our Ice Cream Social will be held on **Sunday, June 12**, at 5 p.m. in the Auditorium. We will be celebrating our 173 years as a congregation. Ice cream and a light meal will be served. Please sign up on the "I Worshiped Today" if you plan to attend.

We will be publishing a new "Member Directory" this summer. Please submit changes in your name, address, e-mail, phone, or cell phone, etc. to the church office by **Wednesday, June 15**, at 3:30 p.m.

Our Newsletter Article deadline is Wednesday, June 15, at 3:30 p.m. Submit all articles to the church office.

Updated this week: Check out the newly updated Items Needed for NALC Mission Kits & Samaritan Purse Christmas Child Boxes insert included in the June newsletter.

Cradle Roll: The Women of Zion, in conjunction with the Sunday School, are starting up the CRADLE ROLL here at Zion. CRADLE ROLL is a ministry for the families of infants and toddlers. During the first three years of a child's life, resources and encouragement are sent to parents on a regular schedule. A certificate is sent at birth, baptismal information, birthday cards, Bible story books and a Sunday School invitation at three years of age. Statistics show that

by the time a child reaches school age most of what he/she will become, his/her character and values, are already formed. In the years the child is enrolled in the CRADLE ROLL, he/she is brought in contact with love and Christian influence which will help mold his/her entire life, thus making his/her world a better place to live. We need the congregation's help and support in letting the church office know of new births in our membership families. Prayers are needed for the new child of God and his parents that they will bring the child to church and teach him/her Christian values. The saying "It takes a village to raise a child" has merit. We are that village. Please pray for and support this new program. If you would like to be a part of this program, help send cards, make calls, please contact Sandy Wierwille or Linda Yahl.

Creative Crafters: If you were interested in making the tea towel set (2) but were not able to attend the activity, there are 5 kits available for you to take and make at home. The sets are \$15, for red (4 available); and \$20 for the flamingo (1 available). Another option is that Kathy can make up the tea towels for you, contact her at 419-778-9640.

We have a collection of dishes left from funeral dinners. They are located on the coat rack by the alley entrance. Please stop and pick yours up. Bowls and dishes left over six months to a year will be given to Agage, which will be after June 30th.

There are three projects that the trustee's plan to pursue in 2022. 1.) Replace the carpet in the sanctuary. 2.) Replace the drapes in the educational building, due to age and extreme deterioration. 3.) Update the church kitchen: which will include the electrical breakers, update the kitchen sink, and add more storage. Funds have been set up to help defray the cost of each of these projects: "carpet", "drapes", and "kitchen" . Earmark your check or offering envelope with the project of your choice.

Prayer Shawls/Lap Robes are currently available in the church office. If you know of someone (man, woman or child) who are in need of comfort, stop by the church office to pick up a shawl/lap robe today. They are free and recipients do not need to be members of Zion to receive a lap robe or shawl.

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 21 Week	Budget Y-T-D	Received 5/22	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,068.75	\$127,449	\$3,741	\$115,204	\$0
NALC Offering \$290	\$6,090	\$113	\$2,784	
Bank Balance as of 5/23: \$78,727				



Council Organization 2022

President Neal Brady
Vice President: Chris White
Secretary: Jeanne Wurster
Assistant Secretary: Genevieve Brown
Treasurer: Pete Ackroyd
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COUNCIL AT LARGE: Cheryl Macklem, Andrew O'Bryan, Darl Bishir,
Pete Ackroyd, Doug Stetler, and Ryan Yahl

BOARD OF DEACONS: Sandy Wierwille, Steve McAfee,
Jody Slemmons, Judy Schultz, Dwayne Hoenie, Dan Macklem,
Jeanne Wurster, and Mark Torsell

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BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION DIRECTOR: Mindy Thiebeau

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: Genevieve Brown

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

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WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 29, 2022

“I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

–John 17:23–

Eternal life in God’s kingdom, we sometimes long for it like a homesick child longs for home. We dream of living in the beauty and perfection of his kingdom where love saturates our souls and everything around us, and where we enjoy God’s continual manifest presence. How well we know that we’re not there yet. However, Jesus’ prayer in John 17 reveals God’s ardent desire for us before we pass into eternity: He desires eternal life for us now!

How do we experience it now? It starts with Jesus revealing the glory of the Father to all people (see Jn. 1:14) thus enabling continuous, direct, personal knowledge and oneness with the Father for us who believe. And this knowledge of the Father through Jesus and the ordering of our life according to that knowledge is eternal life (see Jn. 17:3).

And, as we live/abide in unity with God (see Jn. 15:1–17) and in unity with one another through Christ, we become the vehicles of God’s presence in the world. In this way the world comes to know him.

So, we can partially partake in the beauty of God’s kingdom even now by experiencing continual personal, loving relationship with God and each other (oneness) as we abide in God and express our love for him in obedience (see 14:21).

What does this obedience look like? Jesus tells us in John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” And we know Jesus’ love for us took him to the cross. We are to love such that we are willing to lay our lives down for one another.

The Gospel of Matthew says it this way, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (16:24). Jesus then promises us, “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (16:25).

Feeling homesick for eternity? Remember God’s gift for you through Jesus Christ, and let that inspire you to love others. It is a glimpse of the eternity that is to come.