



Zion Lutheran Church  
210 North Wayne Street  
Saint Mary, Ohio 45885

**Ascension Sunday**  
**May 29, 2022**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Setting 10

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**PRELUDE**

*My Country Tis of Thee*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* #855

**GREETING**

**P** He is Risen!

**C:** He is Risen indeed!

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

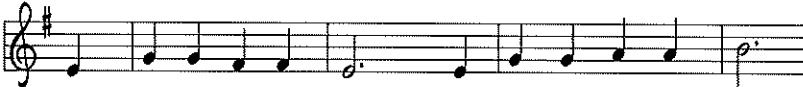
C Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



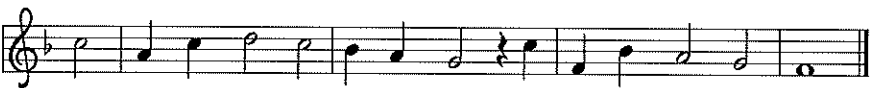
We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Insert

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

Insert

PSALM 47

Insert

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"*

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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

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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



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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** You have shown us your love through the gift of your Son, Jesus. May the gifts we offer from what you have first given us be a faithful expression of our gratitude and joy in your presence, and may we be servants of the gospel proclaiming your generosity to the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C** Amen.

### DIALOGUE

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, 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

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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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save; have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



## COMMUNION

- P The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

- "Be Thou My Vision"* #793  
*"I Come with Joy"* #482

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Let us pray.  
Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting 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                    *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*                    #890

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

**C:** He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**            *Once to Every Man and Nation*

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**Memory Verse**

**Acts 1:8**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

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*Happy Birthday  
Martha!*

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of  
Martha Meyer's birthday today.*

***Today, May 29\****

- Acolytes:** 8:00 AM: Makenna Meinerding  
10:30 AM: Megan Miller
- Communion Assistants:** 8:00 AM: Connie Torsell  
10:30 AM: Ann Maki, Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifers:** 8:00 AM: Isaac Torsell  
10:30 AM: Savannah Slater
- Ushers:** 8:00 AM: Jody Slemmons, Doug Stetler,  
Bob Hinschlager, Rhonda Weaver  
10:30 AM: Dan Macklem, Sandy Wierwille,  
John & Donna Ankerman
- Fellowship Table:** 8:00 AM: Becky Harvey  
10:30 AM: Sue & John Vogel
- Greeters:** 8:00 AM: Vic Von Blon, Becky Harvey  
10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie
- Readers:** 8:00 AM: Vic Von Blon  
10:30 AM: Liz Ackroyd

***Next Sunday, June 5\****

- Acolytes:** 8:00 AM: Aiden Meinerding  
10:30 AM: Allison Ankerman
- Communion Assistants:** 8:00 AM: Jeanne Wurster  
10:30 AM: Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifers:** 8:00 AM: Zoey Henning  
10:30 AM: Genevieve Brown
- Ushers:** 8:00 AM: Judy Schultz, Mark Torsell,  
John & Amy Hesse  
10:30 AM: Sandy Wierwille, Dana Cook,  
Stan & Debbie Brown
- Fellowship Table:** 8:00 AM: Joyce Ross  
10:30 AM: Sandy Wierwille

**Greeters:** 8:00 AM: Ed & Linda Yahl  
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee

**Readers:** 8:00 AM: Linda Decker  
10:30 AM: Debbie Brown

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## 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
	10:30 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday Worship* (Wear Red)

*\*Holy Communion*

*\*Livestreamed on [zionstmarys.org](http://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, Family of Barb Shoup 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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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.



<b>Weekly Needs 21 Week</b>	<b>Budget Y-T-D</b>	<b>Received 5/22</b>	<b>Offerings Y-T-D</b>	<b>On Hold</b>
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**

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# *Listening for the Promise*

## 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.