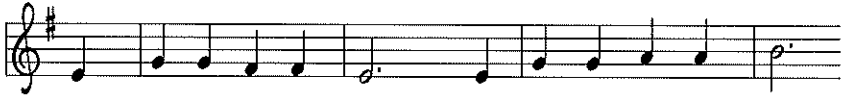


P Most merciful God,
C we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of 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

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal,
the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power
of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with
you all.
C And also with you.



- 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



- 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

Genesis 4:1-15

Insert

PSALM 5

Insert

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Insert



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 eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-17

Insert

P The Word of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Just As I Am, without One Plea"*

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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L Lord in your mercy...
C Hear our prayer.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING

Benediction

OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

L Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve the world you love.

C 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.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
And give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Insert

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Chant Heroique

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.



The Altar Flowers are given for the Glory of God by Bob & Linda Suchland in memory of Ruth Eshleman, Linda's mother.

Today, October 23*

- Acolytes:** 8:00 AM: Zoey Lampert
10:30 AM: Hunter Coldiron
- Ushers:** 8:00 AM: Jody Slemmons, John & Amy Hesse,
Chris White
10:30 AM: Sandy Wierwille, Dana Cook,
Dwayne Hoenie, Keith Fledderjohann
- Fellowship Table:** 8:00 AM: Pastor Bill & Ann Maki
10:30 AM: Bill & Marilyn Nedderman
- Greeters:** 8:00 AM: Sandra Wierwille, Judy Schultz
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8:00 AM: Linda Decker
10:30 AM: Andrew O'Bryan

Next Sunday, October 30*

- Acolytes:** 8:00 AM: Jessi Eberle
10:30 AM: Calianna Bond-Awls
- Communion Assistant:** 8:00 AM: Jody Slemmons
10:30 AM: Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifers:** 8:00 AM: Amelia Ankerman
10:30 AM: Genevieve Brown
- Ushers:** 8:00 AM: Judy Schultz, Deb Henning,
Steve & Dora McAfee
10:30 AM: Dan Macklem, Darl Bishir,
Keith Fledderjohann, Dana Cook
- Fellowship Table:** 8:00 AM: Deb Henning
10:30 AM: Sandy Wierwille
- Greeters:** 8:00 AM: Ed & Linda Yahl
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8:00 AM: Doris Cook
10:30 AM: Youth

*Subject to change, correct as of time printed.

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| ATTENDANCE | Last Wednesday: 31 |
| Sunday 8 a.m.: 49, 10:30 a.m.: 45, Total for the Day: 94 | |
| Total for the Week: 125 | |
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Calendar for October 23—November 6, 2022

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| S/23 | 8:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship Service ⁺ |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship Service |
| M/24 | 7:00 p.m. | Pastor Led Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Women's Fellowship Group |
| T/25 | 9:00 a.m. | Dorcas Quilting |
| W/26 | 11:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Bulletin Information Deadline |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Worship |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scout Committee Meeting |
| Th/27 | 3:30 p.m. | Council Report Deadline |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation Rehearsal |
| S/30 | 8:00 a.m. | Reformation Worship Service* |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Confirmation Breakfast |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Reformation/Confirmation/Youth Worship Service* |
| M/31 | 5:30 p.m. | Elders' Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Pastor Led Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Women's Fellowship Group |
| T/1 | 9:00 a.m. | Dorcas Quilting |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Trustee Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Council Meeting |
| W/2 | 11:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Bulletin Information Deadline |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Book Club |

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| | 6:30 p.m. | Worship* |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| S/6 | 8:00 a.m. | All Saints Sunday Worship** |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | All Saints Sunday Worship* |
| | 11:45 a.m. | Congregational Meeting |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Dessert/Appetizer Challenge |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Boy Scout PLC Meeting |

**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, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Mark, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, John & Katie, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Deb Ranly, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Amelia Green, Leslie Cook, Judy, Kim Roode, Tracy Anderson, Emily Henkle, Brenda Purdy, Ed Danner III, Scott Schroluke, Becky Pape, Mark Torsell, Barb Franks, Jeff & Jenny Fessenden, Donald & Beverly Applegate, Ruth Ann Merriman, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Wava, Karen Vornholt, Teresa Paulus, Vikki Quellhorst, Phyllis Davis, Pam Fledderjohann, Family of Ken Ankerman, and the recovery efforts in Florida and South Carolina.

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 Ken Ankerman.

The loose plate offering in October will go to defray the \$10 shipping for the boxes the women at workday have been busily packing. Please consider a commitment of \$20 each week in October. There are five Sundays, that would provide the shipping for 10 boxes, that have already been prepared.

Pianist: We are looking for an additional pianist for our Wednesday night worship service. They would play once or twice a month. If you are interested in this position, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

5k Run and Fundraiser: The St. Marys Rotary Club has undertaken some repair work on the Elm Grove Chapel, in anticipation of the Bicentennial celebration in the Summer of 2023. To raise funds for the repairs of the Chapel, Rotary will host a 5K run inside of Elm Grove Cemetery. The event will take place on **Saturday, October 29**, at 9 a.m. The entry fee will be \$15, and they are hoping for 70 participants. For more information contact Joe Sutton or Rev. Tim Benjamin, at 419-394-3615 or pastortimbenjamin@gmail.com.

October 30 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday in Sunday School. Join us in showing just how much you appreciate Pastor Bill!

Warm Winter Coat & Gloves Drive: Agape is accepting donations of New & Gently Used adult and children's winter coats and new winter waterproof gloves until **October 31**. Drop off coats by taking them to the Agape Client Services Building, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday or put them in the barrel in the portico entrance. When dropping off the coats at Agape Thrift Store, you must specify it is for the Warm Winter Coat Drive.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 6**, at 11:45 p.m. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting. Lunch will include sandwich, chips, vegetable tray and dessert. Sign up on your "I Worshiped Today" for the meal and to participate in the meeting. Packets now available on the table in the narthex.

Dessert & Appetizer Challenge is **Sunday, November 6**, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Do you think your dessert or appetizer can win the golden spatula? Bring it and found out. Youth and adults are encouraged to participate. Not a baker or cook? Come, enjoy, and score the goodies.

The 2022 Flower Chart is 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: **November 6, 27 and December 4, 11 & 18.**

OCC Shoebox Information:

- Boxes are now available to pack your own shoebox(es). For more information on how to pack a shoebox(es) see the included insert in this bulletin. You are encouraged to pay online at samaritanspurse.org or checks may be mailed in the postage paid envelope in the brochure found in your empty box. Also, our loose plate offering in October will be sent to cover shipping so you may pay your shipping that way. Boxes are due back **Sunday, November 13.**
- National Collection Week will be **November 14-21.** Since we are a drop off location, volunteers will be needed. A signup sheet will be in the narthex soon to sign up.

Zion Women's Thankful Offering Services will be **Sunday, November 13** and **Wednesday, November 16**. Hopefully you have been filling your containers with change for all your thankful blessings in your life. If you don't have a container, there are some in the green basket on the table in the narthex. All donations will go to Crime Victims Services in Lima, Ohio. They provide many services for victims and help fight human trafficking. Please bring your donation in an envelope and keep the container to re-use for next year. We will collect the envelopes at each service.

Thanksgiving Collection Drive: This year our Thanksgiving collection will go to the Auglaize County Crisis Center. Please bring your donations to the church at our Thanksgiving Eve Service or it can be dropped off in the tub beforehand. Donated items will be delivered to ACCC after Thanksgiving. The items needed: canned fruit, Jello, Hamburger Helper, taco kits, canned beans, soup, cereal, breakfast bars, any type of snack food (cookies, chips, etc.), juice, paper towels, laundry soap, and trash bags.

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 42 Week | Budget Y-T-D | Received 10/16 | Offerings Y-T-D | On Hold |
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| Current \$6,068.75 | \$254,898 | \$5,009 | \$215,699 | \$0 |
| NALC Offering \$290 | \$12,180 | \$140 | \$5,596 | |
| Bank Balance as of 10/17: \$69,837 | | | | |

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Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25) - October 23, 2022

"[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt."

-Luke 18:9-

The above verse introduces the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector. Jesus, the masterful storyteller, opens his parable with a sentence sure to elicit strong assumptions and bias: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector" (v. 10).

Immediately his listeners would recognize the social and religious chasm between the two. Tax collectors were social outcasts. Jews considered them traitors because they collected taxes for Rome and often collected more than required to keep for themselves. Pharisees, on the other hand, enjoyed social status and respect. They scrupulously obeyed Jewish Law and demanded others do the same.

In fact, the pharisee in Jesus' parable goes above and beyond the law: He fasted twice a week and tithed everything he received (see v. 12), although Jewish law only required fasting once a year and tithing a portion of one's income. Truly this pious pharisee had an "in" with God, or so he believed. "Thank God," he brags, "I'm not a sinner like that pathetic, ungodly tax collector standing over there" (my rendition of v. 11). By contrast, the tax collector, burdened by his sin, eyes cast down in shame and regret, and knowing his desperate need for God's mercy and grace, cries out, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (v. 13).

To which prayer do we most relate? Do we, as followers of Christ, pride ourselves in our godly lives, believing on some level that God loves and accepts us because of the way we live? Do we, even subtly, look down on those who appear to sorely miss the mark? I confess, I can be like that pharisee without even realizing it. Only when God shows me the degree of my sinfulness in light of Jesus' perfection do I realize I'm that tax collector in desperate need of mercy.

So, here's our promise: when we exalt ourselves, we will be humbled, giving us opportunity to repent, turn to God, and receive his grace. And when we feel the awful weight of our sin, and we humble ourselves and turn to him, we will be exalted and receive his grace (see v. 14). Either way, we are sinners saved by grace.

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