



*First Sunday
of Advent*

Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne St.

St. Marys, OH 45885

November 27, 2022

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 10

PRELUDE *Jesus Leads Me Far from Sadness* (Bach) arr. Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* #244

LIGHTING OF 1ST ADVENT CANDLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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- P** The days are coming, says the Lord, when God's promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (Jeremiah 33:14)
- C** Amen.

- P** The Lord proclaimed, "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me." Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected. (Malachi 3:1)

- 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

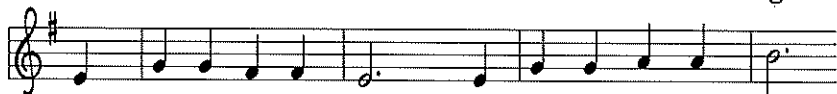
C Amen.

GREETING

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for whom we wait, the love of the Father who will never let us go, and the peace of the Holy Spirit 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

Isaiah 2:1-5

Insert

PSALM 122

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

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 Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Fling Wide the Door"

#259

HOLY BAPTISM OF WYATT JAMES TORSSELL (10:30)

Insert

APOSTLES' CREED (8:00)

**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

When He Cometh

arr. Young





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 Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight.

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 As you go from this place, remember that with God, nothing is impossible. May God the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit go before you, beside you, and with you wherever you go.

(Luke 1:37)

C Amen.

SENDING

"Christ, Be Our Light"

#715

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

March

Mozart

Memory Verse:

Matthew 24:37

For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

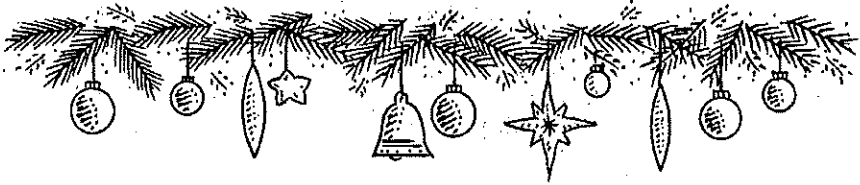


The Altar Flowers are given in to the Glory of Glory by Bob & Linda Suchland, in honor of the birth of a great granddaughter, Holland Ruth on November 9th.

Anniversary Wishes



A pair of roses have been placed on the altar in honor of Michael & Barbara Weadock's 55th Wedding Anniversary on November 25th.



Today, November 27

- Acolytes:** 8:00 AM: Megan Miller
10:30 AM: Grady Hughes
- Ushers:** 8:00 AM: Judy Schultz, Jeanne Wurster,
Ryan & Brandy Yahl
10:30 AM: Sandy Wierwille, Dana Cook, Darl Bishir,
Keith Fledderjohann
- Fellowship** 8:00 AM: Becky Harvey
Table: 10:30 AM: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
- Greeters:** 8:00 AM: Nora Staunton, Becky Harvey
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8:00 AM: Betty Hussey
10:30 AM: Ruth Hoenie

Next Sunday, December 4*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Zoey Henning
10:30am: Makenna Meinerding
- Communion** 8AM: John Hesse
Assistants: 10:30AM: Ann Maki
- Crucifer:** 8AM: Zoey Henning
10:30AM: Bennett Glass
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Chris White,
Ryan & Brandy Yahl
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Stan & Debbie Brown,
Dan Macklem
- Fellowship** 8AM: Nora & Harry Staunton
Table: 10:30am: Nora & Harry Staunton
- Greeters:** 8AM: Chris White, Sandy Wierwille
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Cheryl Macklem
- Readers:** 8AM: Nora Staunton
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie

*Correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday: 36
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 61, 10:30 a.m.: 31, Total for the Day: 92	
.....	Total for the Week: 128
DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION	
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CHURCH WEBSITE	www.zionstmarys.org
CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

Calendar for November 27—December 11, 2022

S/27	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service ⁺
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
M/28	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/29	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Support Meeting
W/30	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Th/1	3:30 p.m.	Council Report Deadline
F/2	7:00 p.m.	Shop Til-You-Drop at Walmart in Celina
S/3	10:00 a.m.	S. S. Christmas Program Rehearsal
S/4	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service ^{**}
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service [*]
	12 Noon	Auditorium in Use
M/5	12 Noon	Poinsettia Order Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout PLC Meeting
T/6	9:30 a.m.	Advent Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/7	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship [*]
Th/8	2:00 p.m.	Jeremiah Bible Study

S/10	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Wrapping
	10:00 a.m.	S. S. Christmas Program Rehearsal
S/11	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service ⁺
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Christmas Program

**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, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, John & Katie, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Deb Ranly, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Amelia Green, Brenda Purdy, Ed Danner III, Scott Schroluke, Becky Pape, Mark Torsell, Jeff & Jenny Fessenden, Donald & Beverly Applegate, Ruth Ann Merriman, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Kelsey, Karen Vornholt, Mark & Dana, Vicki Bishir, Amy Grewe, Family of Jordan Brelsmann, Lisa Suchland, Dolores Irish, Lillian, Beth Olberding, Mike Mamane, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Emily Henkle, Dave Frahm, Virginia Loyer, Pam Fledderjohann, Jim Rowen, Steve & Lynn Reed, and Mike Vann & Family.

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 Wednesday and Sunday for the month of November (except the Thanksgiving Eve Service) are earmarked

to support Wernle Children's Home. For more information on Wernle, check out the November Newsletter.

We welcome Wyatt James Torsell, son of Aaron & Holly Torsell, into the Family of God today by his baptism.

Thank you, Steve & Dora McAfee, for all you do each year to guide Zion in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry and for continually leading Zion as we participate as a collection site for the area.

Pam Fledderjohann wishes to thank everyone who sent cards or texts, called and who brought meals during her recovery. These acts of kindness meant a lot!

Thank you to everyone who donated cake mixes and icing for the Agape Birthday Bags. We collected enough to put together 30 bags in January to be passed out to Agape's clients who have a birthday in February. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 paid position, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

Midweek Advent Services will be Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Main Sanctuary: **November 30, and December 7, 14, & 21.** Midweek Services will be part of an Advent Theme entitled, Be Born In Us Today. With the following emphasis respectively: *Bringing Blessing, Bringing Renewal, Bringing Guidance and Bringing Power.*

Shop Til-You-Drop: All are welcome to participate in Zion's Annual Shop Til-You-Drop shopping spree at Walmart, on **Friday, December 2**. We invite everyone, adults, youth, and families, to meet inside Walmart, at 7 p.m., by the pharmacy entrance. Donations have been collected throughout the year for this event, from the congregation. Donations will be accepted prior to the event, " earmark" your offering envelope. If you have any questions or to let us know who will be participating, please contact Darl Bishir, 419-394-7383.

If you are unable to attend this event, a barrel has been provided by the portico entrance, to bring in new, unwrapped, toys for needy children in our community until Monday, December 19. We do this in coordination with the "Toys for Tots" campaign by the Marines.

A reminder to parents: the Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsals will be held **Saturdays, December 3 & 10**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They will also be going over lines during the Sunday School hour the first two Sundays of December.

Poinsettias: We will once again decorate the altar with poinsettias for Christmas. Check out the order form included in the bulletin. Each plant is \$12.50, with a bow. The deadline to order is **Monday, December 5**, by 12 noon.

Our annual Advent Breakfast will be **Tuesday, December 6**, at 9:30 a.m., in the auditorium. Friends are welcomed. Please sign up on your "I Worshipped Today" or call the church office by **today**, to RSVP.

The December Creative Crafters project will be Christmas wrapping again this year. Bring your presents and Zion's elves will do the wrapping for you. This event will be on **Saturday, December**

10, between 9-11 a.m., in the lounge. We have all the supplies to wrap your presents. The donation is \$1 per package.

Christmas Letters of Love is this year's Sunday School Christmas Program. Come learn about and sing some Christmas songs, decorate a tree with us and hear about the Lord's love for us in the letters of Christmas. It will be held on **Sunday, December 11**, at 6:30 p.m.

The first part of the 2023 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. **December 11** is still available in 2022.

Update: Virginia Loyer is at Otterbein, St. Marys. Her room number is 407 in the D Wing.

Dorcas Quilting has been a part of Zion for over 120 years. We need people who can hand sew to help make quilts. There have been 4 members coming to quilting but 2 are going to quit. If we cannot get any more people to come, we will have to disband Dorcas Quilting. If you or someone you know would be interested, please call the church office, or just come to quilting on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

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 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 47 Week	Budget Y-T-D	Received 11/20	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,068.75	\$285,243	\$4,499	\$239,040	\$0
NALC Offering \$290	\$13,630	\$230	\$6,507	
Bank Balance as of 11/21: \$69,990				

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