



*Third Sunday  
of Advent*

**Zion Lutheran Church**

210 North Wayne St.

St. Marys, OH 45885

**December 11, 2022**

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

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Setting 10

**PRELUDE**                      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*                      Hayes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**            *"On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry"*                      #249

**LIGHTING OF 3<sup>RD</sup> ADVENT CANDLE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**    Page 94

**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.**

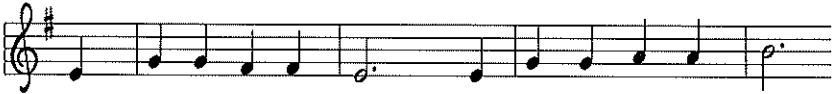
## GREETING

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 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 35:1-10

Insert

PSALM 146

Insert

SECOND READING

James 5:7-11

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 eleventh chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-15

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

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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

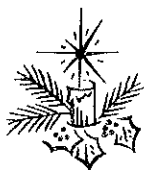
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

## OFFERING

*Mary, Did You Know?*

Tornquist



**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** 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**

*"Hark, The Glad Sound!"*

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**DISMISSAL**

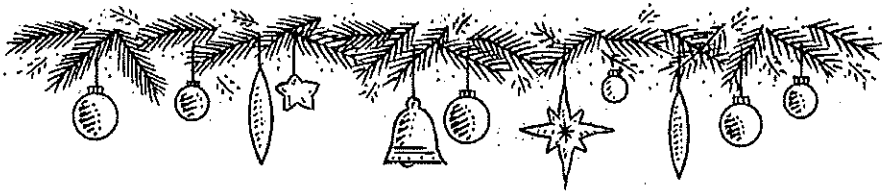
P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

*People, Look East*

Giamanco



**Memory Verse:**

**Isaiah 35:10**

*And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*



*Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jacob!*

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Jacob Sharp's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rhonda Weaver in thanks to God for all the blessings of this year.*

**Anniversary  
Wishes**



*A pair of roses have been placed on the altar in honor of Ed & Judy Flora's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 8.*



***Today, December 11\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Hunter Coldiron  
10:30am: Cali Bond-Awls
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jody Slemmons, Bob Hinschlager,  
Doug Stetler, Deb Henning  
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Dana Cook, Darl Bishir,  
Keith Fledderjohann
- Fellowship  
Table:** 8AM: Jody & Marilyn Slemmons  
10:30am: Bill & Marilyn Nedderman
- Greeters:** 8AM: Ryan & Brandy Yahl  
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Alexa Coldiron  
10:30AM: Darl Bishir

***Next Sunday, December 18\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Grady Hughes  
10:30am: Megan Miller
- Communion  
Assistants:** 8AM: Chris White  
10:30AM: Ann Maki
- Crucifer:** 8AM: Morgan Hesse  
10:30AM: Jake Sharp
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Doug Stetler,  
John & Amy Hesse  
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Dana Cook, Darl Bishir,  
Dwayne Hoenie
- Fellowship  
Table:** 8AM: Neal & Allison Brady  
10:30am: Stan & Debbie Brown
- Greeters:** 8AM: John & Amy Hesse  
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8AM: Vic Von Blon  
10:30AM: Dan Macklem

\*Correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE ..... Last Wednesday: 59  
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 59, 10:30 a.m.: 50, Total for the Day: 109  
..... Total for the Week: 168  
PIANIST ..... Miriam Johns  
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CHURCH OFFICE.....419-394-3115

## Calendar for December 11-25, 2022

S/11	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service <sup>+</sup>
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Christmas Program
T/13	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Jeremiah Bible Study
W/14	9:30 a.m.	Women's Board Meeting
	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
Th/15	9:00 a.m.	Workday: Coffee & Donut Hour
	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
S/18	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service <sup>**</sup>
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service <sup>*</sup>
T/20	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/21	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 <sup>*</sup>
S/24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service <sup>*</sup>
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service <sup>*</sup>
S/25	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service <sup>**</sup>

*\*Holy Communion*

*\*Livestreamed on [zionstmarys.org](http://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, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Amelia Green, Donald & Beverly Applegate, Ruth Ann Merriman, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Kelsey, Karen Vornholt, Mark & Dana, Vicki Bishir, Amy Grewe, Family of Jordan Brelsman, Lisa Suchland, Dolores Irish, Lillian, Beth Olberding, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Emily Henkle, Dave Frahm, Ed Danner III, Virginia Loyer, Jim Rowen, Larry Haberkamp, Margaret Miller, Family of Wilma Ann Tester, Family of Deb Ranly, the Family of Mike Mammane, and the Family of Mike Vann.

**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 December are earmarked to support the Institute of Lutheran Theology. The Institute of Lutheran Theology is a private Lutheran seminary in Brookings, South Dakota. It provides distance education online and at its campus in Brookings. The institution is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). ILT operates as a school which grants certificates and degrees to students who complete their studies with the school. It does not ordain graduates; that is left to the synods and associations which accept their graduates.

*The loose plate offerings for Christmas Eve will go toward Zion's current expenses.*

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Advent Breakfast. It was a very enjoyable program and meal. This could not have happened without all of your efforts and help.

**Thank you** to the 14 people who helped us with the Annual Shop Til You Drop shopping spree at Walmart in Celina on Friday, December 2. Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. We had over \$4,000 to spend this year, the largest amount ever. We were able to buy 364 toys/gifts for boys and girls, ages 0-18, in our area.

**I would like to thank** everyone who sent cards & prayers during my illness and recovery from surgery. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

*Ruth Ann Merriman*

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week. Thank you for filling your own boxes, for donating items for the boxes packed by the Women of the church, for donating money to cover shipping and for serving by packing boxes into cartons for shipment. A special thank you goes to Cody and Kara Sharp for providing a trailer again this year. Please continue to pray for the boxes as they continue their journey and for the children who will eventually receive them.

**Thank you** to following people who helped decorate for the Advent/Christmas Season: Alexa & Sophia Coldiron, Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie, Pastor Bill, Kathy & Megan Miller, Jeremy Kemmann, Bill Kellermeyer, Thelma Kellermeyer, Nora Staunton, and Chris White.

**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.

**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.

**Midweek Advent Services** will continue to be held Wednesday evenings **December 14, & 21** at 7pm in the Main Sanctuary. The Midweek Services are part of an Advent Theme entitled, Be Born In Us Today.

**Since the Women** are all caught up on kits and quilts for the year, our workday in December will be a coffee and donut hour. So come and relax and enjoy some Christian fellowship **Thursday, December 15**, at 9 a.m. in the All Purpose Room.

**A Toys for Tots** barrel has been provided in the portico entrance for 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.

**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight** worship services will be held on **Saturday, December 24**, in the Sanctuary, at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Holy Communion will be served at each service. We invite you to bring your family and friends with you to worship.

**Christmas morning worship** here at Zion will be held at 8 a.m., in the Sanctuary. The service will also be broadcast on WCSM, 96.7 FM. There will be NO Sunday School or 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**Women's Fellowship** will begin a new study on **Monday, January 9, 2023**. It will be on the book of Exodus. Please indicate on the I Worship Today if you are interested in joining our group and would like a book ordered for you. You may also contact the church office. Please order your book by 12/23/22. Contact Pam Fledderjohann if you have questions.

**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.

**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.

**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 49 Week</b>	<b>Budget Y-T-D</b>	<b>Received 12/4</b>	<b>Offerings Y-T-D</b>	<b>On Hold</b>
Current \$6,068.75	\$297,381	\$10,459	\$253,184	\$0
NALC Offering \$290	\$14,210	\$115	\$6,732	
Bank Balance as of 12/4: \$73,770				

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