



*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*

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

December 18, 2022
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 10

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Lau

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"Blessed Be the God of Israel"* #250

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTNING

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 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 7:10-17

Insert

PSALM 24

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

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 first chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"People, Look East"

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Advent

NICENE CREED

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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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 (8:00) *Choir: Light One Candle*

Yiddish Folk Song

OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN

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

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.

DIALOGUE

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE



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.

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

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- L God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood —that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.
- C 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

"Joy to the World"

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Gloria

Perry

Memory Verse

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.



Happy Birthday Harry & Margaret!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Harry Staunton's birthday on December 19th, given by his family.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Margaret Moore's 98th birthday on December 20th, given by the Women.

Today, December 18*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Grady Hughes
10:30am: Megan Miller
- Communion** 8AM: Chris White
Assistants: 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** 8AM: Neal & Allison Brady
Table: 10:30am: Stan & Debbie Brown
- Greeters:** 8AM: John & Amy Hesse
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee

Readers: 8AM: Vic Von Blon
10:30AM: Dan Macklem

*Next Sunday, December 25**

Acolyte: Zoey Lampert

Communion Assistant: Jody Slemmons

Crucifer: Braylon Lampert

Ushers: Jeanne Wurster, Bob Hinschlager, Chris White,
Rhonda Weaver

Fellowship Table: Sandy Wierwille

Greeters: Judy Schultz, Vic Von Blon

Reader: Linda Yahl

*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday: 67
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 59, 10:30 a.m.: 36, Total for the Day: 95	
..... Total for the Week: 162	
PIANIST	Miriam Johns
DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION	
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MINISTERS	All Members of Zion
CHURCH WEBSITE.....	www.zionstmarys.org
CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

Calendar for December 18, 2022—January 1, 2023

S/18	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service ^{**}
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service*
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*
S/24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service ^{**}
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service*
S/25	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service ^{**}
T/27	9:30 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
S/30	6:00 p.m.	Schramm/Gillis Rehearsal
	3:00 p.m.	Christian Schramm/Brittany Gillis Wedding
S/1	8:00 a.m.	Service of Lessons & Carols ^{**}
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Lessons & Carols*

**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, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Amelia Green, Donald & Beverly Applegate, 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, Eileen Zimmerman, Margaret Miller, Family of Wilma Ann Tester, Family of Deb Ranly, Family of Rick Adams, the Family of Larry Haberkamp and the Family of Roger Hesse.

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 Roger Hesse, brother of John Hesse.

Our loose offerings each Wednesday and Sunday for the month of December are earmarked to support the Institute of Lutheran Theology. For more information on this institution, check out your December Newsletter.

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

A Toys for Tots barrel is 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 Last Midweek Advent Service will be **Wednesday December 21**, at 7pm in the Main Sanctuary.

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.

The church office will be closed on **Monday, December 26**, and **Monday, January 2**. There will be limited hours **Tuesday, December 27** through **Friday, December 30**. The hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

There will be NO Wednesday night worship services on **December 28**.

Service of Lessons & Carols: Our Service of Carols and Lessons will be held on **Sunday, January 1**, at both our 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., worship services. We invite you to bring your family and friends.

The recognitions of our 2022 Congregation Council and Women's Council and installation of the 2023 councils will take place at both services on **Sunday, January 8, 2023**. If you were a member of council or a newly elected council member, please plan to attend one of the worship services on that day.

The Creative Crafters will be making homemade vanilla extract on **Sunday, January 8**, at 1:30 p.m., in the church kitchen. Sign up in the binder provided in the Narthex. A sample is there on display.

Women's Fellowship will begin a new study on **Monday, January 9**. 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 **Friday, December 23**. 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.

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.

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 50 Week	Budget Y-T-D	Received 12/11	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,068.75	\$303,450	\$5,109	\$258,293	\$0
NALC Offering \$290	\$14,500	\$79	\$6,811	
Bank Balance as of 12/11:		\$76,432		