

Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne Street
Saint Marys, Oh 45885

January 1, 2023
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn *"Joy to the World"* #267

Opening Litany

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The light of Christ shines in the darkness,

C: and the darkness will not overcome it.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have beheld Christ's glory.

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

P: All things in heaven and on earth came into being through the Word of God. This Word incarnate is the source of all life, hope, and salvation for all who believe.

C: Come let us worship him in truth.

P: Let us pray. Christ Jesus, you took on the form of God, yet you, not regarding equality with God as something to be exploited, emptied yourself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. You humbled yourself in this life and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

All this you did for us, sinners who do not deserve such mercy and grace. For this we thank you with our whole hearts and praise your holy name.

C: Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

P: Take heart, your sins are forgiven in Christ Jesus because of your faith.

Readings of Lessons and Singing of Carols

First Lesson Isaiah 63:7-14	Insert
- Hymn: <i>"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"</i>	#288
Psalm 111	Insert
- Hymn: <i>"On Christmas Night"</i>	#274
Second Lesson Galatians 4:4-7	Insert
- Hymn: <i>"What Child Is This"</i>	#296
Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:13-23	Insert
- Hymn: <i>"Love Has Come"</i>	#292

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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.

Responsive Prayer

L: Let us gather our hearts together as one and offer our prayers to God.

(Silence...)

L: Lord God, you have blessed us beyond our wildest imagination; you have given us family, home, a faith community, work, play and all we need for each day.

C: Help us to be truly grateful.

L: It is you, loving God, who breathes life into bodies.

C: It is you who calls us into existence.

L: This Christmas, and always, draw all people to kneel at the manager

C: to gather in wonder with the humble shepherds.

L: Into Christ's holy presence, draw your people

C: to greet the Messiah with joyous hearts.

L: In the comfort of the promised King,

C: draw all to sing praises with the angels.

L: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

C: In a field, a stable, in our homes and hearts you meet us.

L: Bring healing to the hurt and broken especially...Bring all to life eternal.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: 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.

Sharing of God's Peace

P: Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Song: *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

#287

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Distribution

Communion Hymns

"Silent Night, Holy Night!" #281

"Away in a Manger" #277

Post Communion Blessing

Benediction

P: May God our Father fill you with the light of divine love.

C: Amen.

P: May Jesus, our Emmanuel, bring you assurance he will come again.

C: Amen.

P: May the Holy Spirit lead you until the dawning of a new day.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

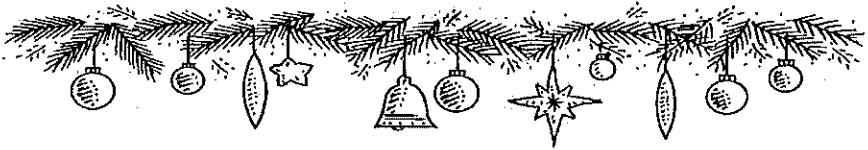
Hymn *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* #270

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

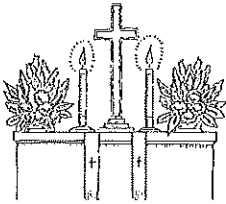
Postlude



Memory Verses

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Merilee Miller and the Chancel Flowers in honor of Miriam Johns for all the work they do with the choir.



A pair of roses have been placed on the altar in honor of John & Sue Vogel's 56th Wedding Anniversary on December 30th.



The baby rose is in honor of the birth of a
son, Caden William Sharp
to
Tyler & Casey Sharp

THE BABY ROSE

We recognize God's miracle of life as we place the Baby Rose on our altar and remember the family in prayer.

The Baby Rose begins life as a small bud, gradually unfolds and grows to a beautiful flower, ever looking upward to the Lord. May the life of this child grow in the Lord, so that love and faith may be evident to all who come near the child. May the rose remind the

parents that although God has given them this child, it is not theirs to keep, but theirs to love, nurture, and teach until the Lord calls that life home to Him.

Today, January 1*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Hunter Coldiron
10:30am: Allison Ankerman
- Communion** 8AM: Jody Slemmons
Assistants: 10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem
- Crucifer:** 8AM: Bennett Glass
10:30AM: Aiden Meinerding
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Bob Hinschlager,
Chris White, Rhonda Weaver
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Stan & Debbie Brown,
Darl Bishir
- Fellowship** 8AM: Kraig & Miriam Johns
Table: 10:30am: Kathy & Craig Miller
- Greeters:** 8AM: Becky Harvey, Chris White
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Doris Cook
10:30AM: Stephanie Ross

Next Sunday, January 8*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Maylee Fischbaugh
10:30am: Calianna Bond-Awls
- Communion** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster
Assistants: 10:30AM: Ann Maki
- Crucifer:** 8AM: Needed
10:30AM: Needed

- Ushers:** 8AM: Dianne Uhlenhake, Ryan & Brandy Yahl,
Deb Henning
10:30AM: John & Amy Hesse, Sandy Wierwille,
Keith Fledderjohann
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Pastor Bill & Ann
10:30am: Lorra & Andrew O'Bryan
- Greeters:** 8AM: Nora Staunton, Judy Schultz
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Steve McAfee
10:30AM: Debbie Brown

*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

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Calendar for January 1-15, 2023

S/1	8:00 a.m.	Service of Lessons & Carols**
	9:15 a.m.	<u>Adult</u> Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Lessons & Carols*
M/2		Office Closed
T/3	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/4	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
S/7	10:00 a.m.	Take Down Christmas Decorations
S/8	8:00 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord Sunday Worship**/ Recognition & Installations of Councils
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord Sunday Worship*/ Recognition & Installations of Councils
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Crafters
M/9	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
T/10	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council Meeting
W/11	9:30 a.m.	Women's Council Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
T/12	2:00 p.m.	Jeremiah Bible Study
S/14	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/15	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

**Holy Communion*

+Livestreamed on zionstmarys.org & broadcasted on WCSM 96.7



ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 70
.....Christmas Eve 7 p.m.: 103 & 11 p.m.: 58 and Total: 161
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 41
..... Total for the Week: 272



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, 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, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Kelsey, Karen Vornholt, Marla Puthoff, Becky Quellhorst, Family of Becky Fusion, Jerry McCormick, Family of Mike Greeley, Family of Judy Taylor, Kate Flais, and Family of Susan Wicker.

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.

Please include in your prayers the marriage of Christian & Brittany Schramm who were married yesterday.

Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers and gifts. Wishing you a blessed year ahead.

Pastor Bill

Thank you from Margaret Moore for all her birthday wishes, prayers and cards she has received from the congregation. She is also grateful for the poinsettia she was given for her birthday.

Our loose offerings each Wednesday and Sunday during the month of January is earmarked to support to support Pre-Born! "Saving Babies and Souls across America". Be a part of the Pre-Born community by giving thousands of babies the gift of life. Your January offerings will support the *Pre-Born* mission to save babies and souls.

The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 2**.

Help is needed on **Saturday, January 7**, to take down Christmas decorations at 10 a.m. If you can help, please sign up on your "I Worshiped Today".

The recognitions of our 2022 Congregation Council and Women's Council and installation of the 2023 councils will take place at both services, 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., 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.

The church office will be closed **Monday, January 16th**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Build A Carry Tray - If you would like to practice your carpentry skills, The Zion Men's Workshop invites you to join in the fun and

build a handsome carry tray of your own. They are easy to make and a good introduction to very basic woodworking techniques. The tray is handy for gardening, backyard picnicking, tool organizing, art sessions, and more.

This activity will be held at 1:00 pm on two afternoons; **Saturday, January 22** and **Sunday, January 23**, both starting at 1:00 pm in the Men's Workshop in Zion's basement. We welcome anyone aged 14 or older or youngsters aged 5 -13 when accompanied by a responsible adult. No experience is required and tool use will be supervised. Safety glasses and materials will be provided

If interested, please complete a form at the display in the narthex providing your name and your choice of session. Please also provide a phone number in case we need to adjust session participant numbers. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Mark Your
Calendar!

Fish Fry Friday,
February 24.



Watch for more details to
come.

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 51 Week	Budget Y-T-D	Received 12/18	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,068.75	\$315588	\$14,287	\$278,105	\$0
NALC Offering \$290	\$15,080	\$108	\$7,086	
Bank Balance as of 12/27:				
		\$86,691		



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Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

First Sunday after Christmas – January 1, 2023

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

– Galatians 4:4-5 –

As I have been in the vocation of motherhood for over a decade now, I find myself paying closer attention to messages – messages in television, books, or other media. I especially notice messages I prefer my kids not to hear. One message I have heard this time of year in movies and t.v. ads is, “Christmas is really for the children.” Well, yes, there are many parts of the Christmas season that are geared towards children, don’t get me wrong. Who doesn’t love a children’s Christmas program at their church or seeing the excitement on a child’s face as Christmas gets closer and closer? What bothers me about the message is the focus of it. Christmas is not about the children. Christmas is about God. It’s the celebration of God choosing to come down to us in the flesh in form of Jesus Christ.

Everything about the birth of Christ is perfect because it was God’s doing; it was in his own timing. God sent Jesus at just the right time, and God sent Jesus to the perfect place – a manger in Bethlehem. God did this to sanctify the world, to redeem us, who were under the law. And he did this in order to make us his children, his sons and daughters. To live as God’s children would be impossible without Christmas. Before Christ came, we were all under the law, and that’s tough! To live under the law means to live under God as judge, not as Father.

Under the law, we face eternal death and separation from God. Under the law, we are guilty of sin. So our only hope is in Christ Jesus, our Savior. When the time was right, God sent Jesus, born of the virgin Mary. He was sent under the law to fulfill the law’s demands. Why? So we could be children of God. Christmas isn’t about the children at all. Christmas is about Jesus Christ, who has made us children of God, adopted by God as his own.

Martin Luther writes in his Small Catchism: “God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father, and that we are truly his children, so that we may boldly and confidently pray to him, just as beloved children speak to their dear father.” May we be grateful for the love our Father has for us.