

Zion Lutheran Church
210 North Wayne Street
St. Marys, OH 45885

April 16, 2023
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* Shackley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"The Day of Resurrection!"* #361

GREETING

P He is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went
to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end
to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and
the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you
all.

C: And also with you.

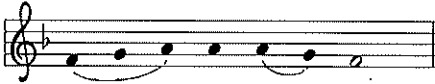
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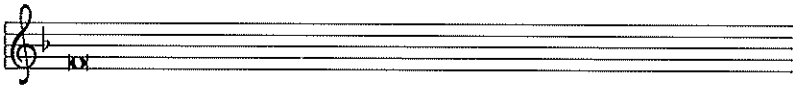
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



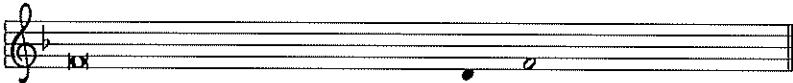
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



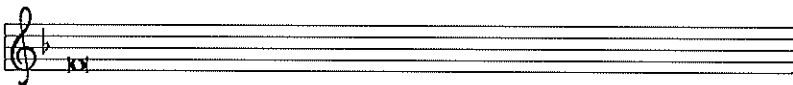
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



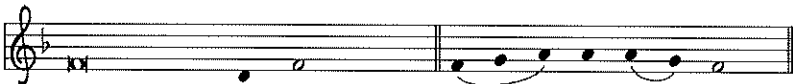
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



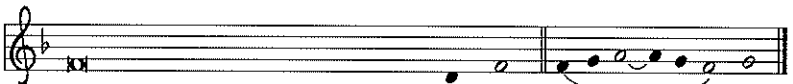
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



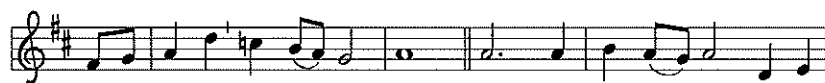
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and gio-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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| PRAYER OF THE DAY | | Insert |
| FIRST READING | Acts 5:29-42 | Insert |
| PSALM 148 | | Insert |
| SECOND READING | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | Insert |
| GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | | |

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Saint John the twentieth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"*

#373

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

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

OFFERTORY

Prayerful Thoughts

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CONGREGATIONAL SONG



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



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



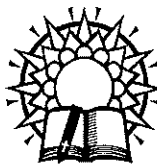
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



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.



*Rejoice!
He Lives!*

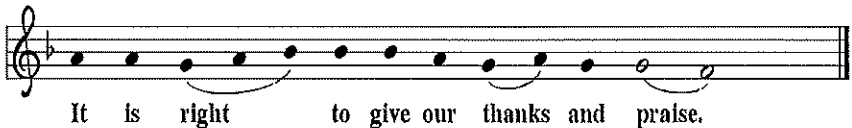
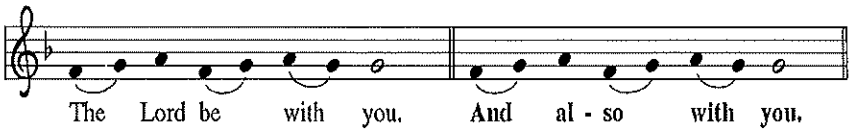
OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerable to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE



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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels,

cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" #475

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" #488

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Pray in the Spirit at all times so that you may discern the will of God. Keep alert as you walk in faith. Speak with the boldness of the apostles who came before you so that all might know the good news. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"* #367

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Wesley

Memory Verse:

Acts 5:41

Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in dedication to the fellowship of this congregation.

Today, April 16*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Allison Ankerman
10:30am: Maylee Fischbach
- Communion** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster
Assistants: 10:30AM: Connie Torsell
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Bennett Glass
10:30AM: Morgan Hesse
- Ushers:** 8AM: Rhonda Weaver, John & Amy Hesse,
Deb Henning
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Dana Cook, Darl Bishir,
Sandy Wierwille
- Fellowship** 8AM: Becky Harvey
Table: 10:30am: Lorra & Andrew O'Bryan
- Greeters:** 8AM: John & Amy Hesse
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8AM: Alexa Coldiron
10:30: Andrew O'Bryan

Next Sunday, April 23*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Jessi Eberle
10:30am: Noah Torsell
- Ushers:** 8AM: Judy Schultz, Bob Hinschlager, Chris White,
Doug Stetler
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Keith Fledderjohann,
Stanley & Debbie Brown
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Pastor Bill & Ann Maki
10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
- Greeters:** 8AM: Judy Schultz, Vic Von Blon
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Joni Immenschuh
- Readers:** 8AM: Vic Von Blon
10:30: Stanley Brown

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Maundy Thursday: 91, Good Friday: 46
..... Sunday 7 a.m.: 96, 10:30 a.m.: 109, Total for the Day: 205
..... Total for the Week: 342
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Calendar for April 16-30, 2023

S/16	8:00 a.m.	Worship**
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Crafters-Learn to Crochet
M/17	3:30 p.m.	May Newsletter Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/18	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:45 p.m.	Trust Meeting
W/19	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Th/20	9:00 a.m.	Workday
F/21	11:25 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/22	7:00 p.m.	Tri-Squares
S/23	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
M/24	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	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.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Th/27	3:30 p.m.	Council Report Deadline
F/28	11:25 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time

S/30 8:00 a.m. Worship**
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship*

**Holy Communion*

+Livestreamed on www.zionstmarys.org & on WCSM 96.7 Radio



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, Ann Morris, John & Katie, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Amelia Green, Dwight & Carmen Axe, Emily Henkle, Nolina Moran, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Kathy Hart, Doug Mucci, Kelsey, Karen Vornholt, Brenda Purdy, Sandee Burd, Lisa Suchland, Dane Newlove, Elaine Marbaugh, Debbie Parker, Shawn Schoen (Shane) & Family, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Eileen Schamp, Eileen Zimmerman and the Family of Dee Dee Persinger.

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 offering each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of **April** are earmarked for the NALC Disaster Response Fund - North American Lutheran Church, 2299 Palmer Dr., Suite 220, New Brighton, MN 55112-2202.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Because of you, we had 100 kids and parents attend. We appreciate the volunteers, donated candy and cookies.

Thank you to Andrew & Lorra O'Bryan for taking care of the wonderful Easter Breakfast last Sunday.

Thank you to all the Women who participated and gave to our Lenten Fundraiser. Our mission projects and programs will continue with your donations. Thank you for your support!

Join Heritage Trails Park District **today**, for the April Showers hike along the Miami Erie Canal! Bring the whole family! Pets on a leash are welcome as well. Meet at Noble Township Hall, located at 16586 CR 66A (also known as Brewer Rd.) just north of St. Marys from 1pm-3pm.

The next Workday will be **Thursday, April 20**, at 9 a.m. We will be putting together the new Kitchen Kits for the NALC Disaster Response warehouse. Everyone is welcome to join us in our mission projects.

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. Upcoming dates still available: and **April 23, and May 14 & 28.**

Keepers of the Kingdom, Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth VBS will be held at Zion, **Monday-Thursday, June 5-8**, 6:00 - 7:30 with a pool party planned for Friday, June 9 for all families. Currently, teen and adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Mindy for more information or to volunteer. The next planning meeting is **Monday, May 1**, at 5:30 in the lounge. All volunteers are invited to attend.

Book Club: Because the April Book Club was canceled, they will be reviewing the books *"The Rose Code"* & *"Sold on a Monday"* on **Wednesday, May 3**. This meeting may last longer because of this.

Registration is coming soon for the Community VBS, Keepers of the Kingdom, Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth! Stay tuned for more information to register your preschool (ages 3 - KG) and elementary aged children (grades 1-6)! This VBS will take place at Zion, **June 5 - 8**, 6:00 - 7:30 with a pool party planned on **Friday, June 9**.

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 Budget	15 Week Budget	15 Week Income	Received April 9
\$6,133--Current	\$91,995	\$82,245	\$10,100
\$290--NALC Offering	\$4,350	\$2,408	\$233

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**Chairperson*

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Second Sunday of Easter – April 16, 2023

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’

*Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’
Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you
have seen me?’*

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

-John 20:27-29-

So often the disciple Thomas gets a bad reputation. He is seen as being foolish and labeled as “Doubting Thomas.” Those are unfair assumptions made of Thomas. He was not with the other disciples in the upper room, the first time the risen Jesus had appeared to them. Is it really any wonder that Thomas would have a hard time believing his fellow disciples that they had seen Jesus alive? As far as Thomas and the others were aware, dead people tend to stay dead. You and I wouldn’t have acted any differently than Thomas.

No doubt that Thomas believed in the risen Lord and served as one of the greatest leaders and pillars of the early Christian Church. In fact, when Jesus had been informed of Lazarus’ death, the disciples were hesitant to return to Jerusalem because they were afraid of the Jews. It was Thomas who said, “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (see Jn. 11:11-16).

Thomas *did* believe in his risen Lord. He was still in a deep state of grief, so much so that it overshadowed the truth. He allowed unbelief to cloud his faith. It isn’t anything new that we human beings like to have physical proof of something. The other disciples had seen Jesus eight days earlier. Jesus invited them to touch him

and see for themselves that he was not a ghost; he was in the flesh, risen from the dead. Thomas needed that. So Jesus invited Thomas to touch his wounds. And as Thomas did, he believed. Thomas' faith was reignited as he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" (v. 28) We need that reignition of faith, too.

We need daily reminders that our sins are forgiven. God reminds us that we can't save ourselves. We need Jesus to cash that in for us. Like Thomas, we need our faith reignited.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, forgive us when doubt and fear begin to overshadow the truth and our faith. Thank you for giving us faith to believe and trust in your promises. In Jesus' name, amen.

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