

*The Parable  
of the Sower*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
210 North Wayne Street  
St. Marys, OH 45885

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

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Setting 3

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**PRELUDE**            *This Is My Father's World*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**    *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* #807

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**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.**

## **GREETING**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

KYRIE

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,

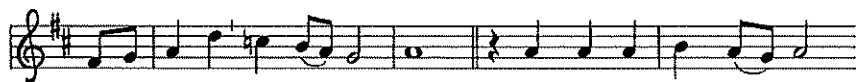
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

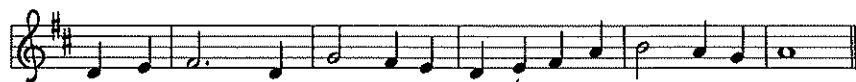
## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



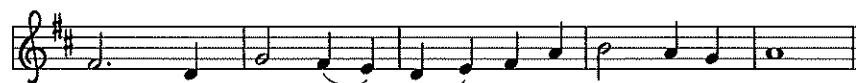
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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 glo - ry are his.



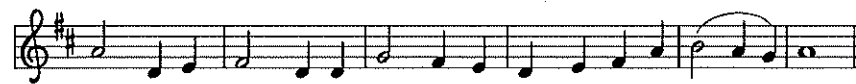
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Insert

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

Insert

**PSALM 65:9-14**

Insert

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:12-17**

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 Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

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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.

#### 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

*Mediation on Eventide*

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG



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



bles - 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.

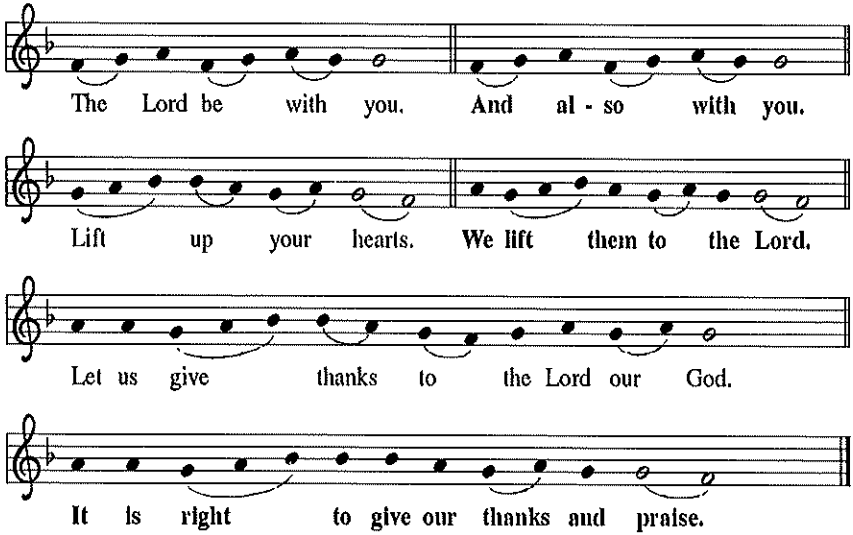
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance with all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve your mission in the world.

C: Amen.



## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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:



Sing praises  
to the **LORD**,  
you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks  
to his holy name.  
PSALM 30:4, NRSV

## 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 DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

<i>"The Lord's My Shepherd"</i>	#778
<i>"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"</i>	#502

### 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.

Holy and Eternal God, you have fed, nourished, and forgiven us at your holy table. Send us now into the world to share the good news of your salvation with all we meet, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

### BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
And give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	#856
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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE      *God Is Our Refuge and Strength*

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### Memory Verse

**Matthew 13:3**

*And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.*

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*Happy  
Anniversary!*

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of  
Chris & Paul White's Wedding Anniversary today.*

*A bud vase has been placed on the altar in honor of Ed & Linda  
Yahl's 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 18<sup>th</sup>.*

***Today, July 16\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Jessi Eberle  
10:30AM: Grady Hughes
- Communion Assistants:** 8AM: Jody Slemmons  
10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Zoey Henning  
10:30AM: Jacob Sharp
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandi, Eliza & Zaila Yahl  
10:30AM: John & Amy Hesse,  
Keith Fledderjohann, Sandy Wierwille
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Joyce Finke  
10:30AM: Stanley & Debbie Brown
- Greeters:** 8AM: Ed & Linda Yahl  
10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie
- Readers:** 8AM: Linda Decker  
10:30AM: Debbie Brown

***Next Sunday, July 23\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Maylee Fischbach  
10:30AM: Hunter Coldiron
- Ushers:** 8AM: Dianne Uhlenhake, Jody Slemmons,  
Jeanne Wurster, Chris White  
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Darl Bishir,  
Mark & Connie Torsell
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Deb Henning  
10:30AM: Craig & Kathy Miller
- Greeters:** 8AM: Vic Von Blon, Becky Harvey  
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Joni Immenschuh
- Readers:** 8AM: Dora McAfee  
10:30: Ruth Hoenie

\* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE .....	Last Wednesday: 31
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 45, 10:30 a.m.: 45, Total for the Day: 90	
.....	Total for Week: 121
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CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

## Calendar for July 16-30, 2023

S/16	8:00 a.m.	Worship**
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Picnic
M/17	3:30 p.m.	August Newsletter Article Deadline
T/18	6:45 p.m.	Trust Meeting
W/19	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
T/20	9:00 a.m.	Workday
S/22	8:00 a.m.	Congregational Golf Outing
	7:00 p.m.	Tri-Squares
S/23	8:00 a.m.	Worship <sup>+</sup>
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	The Underground
T/25	9:30 a.m.	Anniversary Meeting
W/26	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting
Th/27	3:30 p.m.	Council Report Deadline
S/30	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Worship Service*

*\*Holy Communion*

*+Livestreamed on [www.zionstmarys.org](http://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, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Ronald Suchland, Don Diers, Linda Diers, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Brandye Patterson, Paul White, Becky Hook, Don Renninger, Emily Henkle, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Pastor Wilck, Kathy Manbeck, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Tayler Berner, and Debbie Parker.

**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.

**Zion's Mens' Workshop** is in the final stages of our small wooden car project. Applause and "Thank you" goes out to the congregation for embracing the project. Your painting talents and eye for detail have added greatly to the project. 275 cars are being garaged for Christmas Shoeboxes. Thank you Christmas in July.

**Our loose offering** for the month of July is the Cancer Association of Auglaize County. CAAC has been giving assistance to those cancer warriors that reside in Auglaize County. Provide mileage reimbursement to cancer patients to and from doctor appointments. Assist with medical expenses of cancer patients. Provide services to cancer patients.

**Our Annual Congregational Picnic** is today, at 12 Noon on the front lawn. We are planning to provide a tent with table and chairs. The meat, beverages and table service will be provided by the church. Bring a potluck dish to share.

**Today is the deadline to sign up** for the Zion Lutheran Golf Outing. Details about the event:

- When: **Saturday, July 22** at 8:00 a.m.
- Where: Celina Lynx Golf Course

For this years golf outing we will be playing a four person scramble. All members invited! Cost will be greens fees paid at the course when you arrive. (\$42 each) If you are a course member then you will not need to pay but just check in. Lunch and prizes will be provided afterwards with awards for longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. Please arrive at 30 minutes before and pay in the Pro Shop. If you are going to play, please contact Pete Ackroyd, let the Church Office know, or mark your "I Worshiped Today.

**The Zion Underground** will meet **Sunday, July 23**, from 6:30p till 8p in the church basement. Then the Underground will meet every third Sunday of the month from 6:30p till 8p. The Zion Underground includes grades 6-12. Friends are welcome. The first 25 minutes of each meeting will be a Bible Study or devotion and the remaining 65 minutes will be activities/games/etc. Please schedule these dates and times on your calendar. We are looking for adult volunteers. Talk to Pastor Bill, if you can help with this ministry.

**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: **July 30** and **September 3**.

**The NALC Convocation** will be from **Wednesday, August 9-Friday, August 11**, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Two delegates are

stilled needed. Some cost will be covered. If you are interested, please call the church office.

**Check us out on Instagram:** [zion.lutheran.st.marys](https://www.instagram.com/zion.lutheran.st.marys)

**We invite you to** send get well cards to Pastor Wilck, who is currently battling cancer. Cards can be sent to 13 Cornflower Dr., North Chili, NY 14514.

**Don't forget** to check the book cart in the narthex for new books added to the cart. These books are offered free to the congregation.

**We are in need** of an Agape Representative. If you are interested, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

**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.

<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>28 Week Budget</b>	<b>28 Week Income</b>	<b>Received 7/9</b>
\$6,133--Current	\$171,724	\$153,290	\$14,742
\$290--NALC Offering	\$8,120	\$3,819	\$104

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