

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
210 North Wayne St  
Saint Marys, OH 45885

*Then the righteous will shine  
like the sun in the kingdom of  
their Father... Matthew 13:43a*

**July 23, 2023**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

**PRELUDE**

*He Leadeth Me*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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**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.**

#### **GREETING**

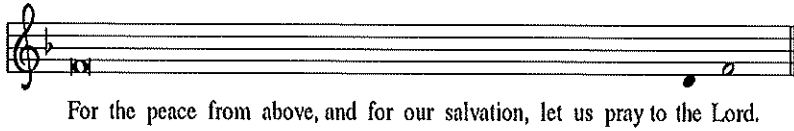
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

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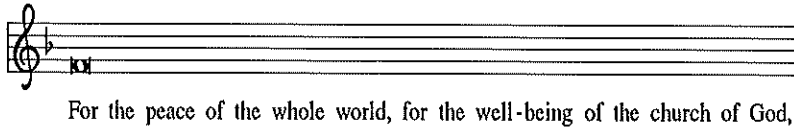
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



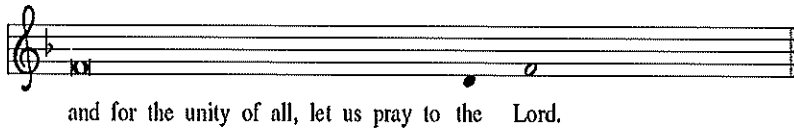
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



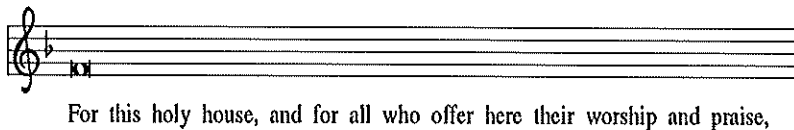
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




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



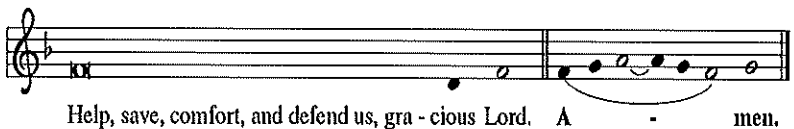
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Insert

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 44:6-8**

Insert

**PSALM 119:57-64**

Insert

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:18-27**

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 St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Bill

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"This Is My Father's World"*

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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

L: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

#### PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

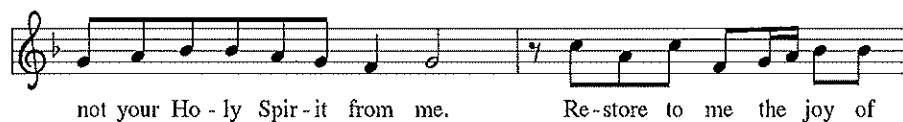
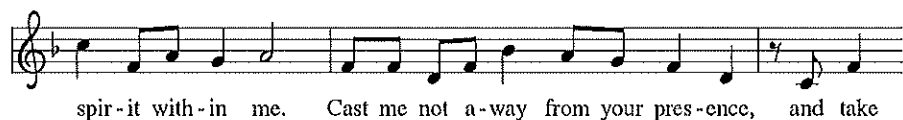
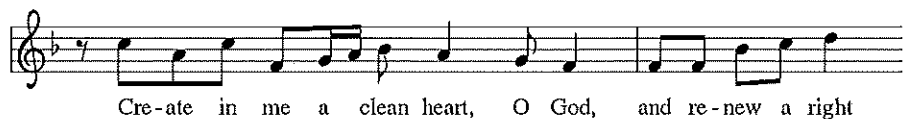
#### OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Adoration*

#### CONGREGATIONAL SONG

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*



## OFFERING 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.

## 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: 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     *"Praise the Lord! O Heavens"*

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

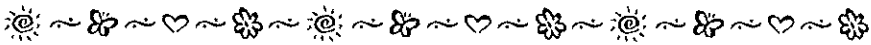
*Arise and Rejoice*

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**Memory Verse**

**Isaiah 44:6**

*Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.*



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

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Zoey Henning's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 27<sup>th</sup>, by her grandmother, Deb Henning.*

***Happy Birthday Andrew!***

*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Andrew Slemmons' birthday on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, by Dan & Cheryl Macklem.*



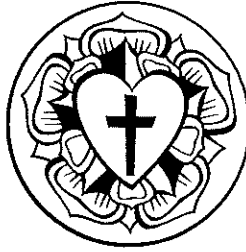
*Today, July 23\**

- 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

*Next Sunday, July 30\**

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Zoey Lampert  
10:30am: Megan Miller
- Communion  
Assistants:** 8AM: Chris White  
10:30AM: Connie Torsell
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Braylon Lampert  
10:30AM: Genevieve Brown
- Ushers:** 8AM: Judy Schultz, Rhonda Weaver,  
Deb Henning, Jeanne Wurster  
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Sandy Wierwille,  
Keith Fledderjohann, Dana Cook
- Fellowship  
Table:** 8AM: Joyce Ross  
10:30am: Sandy Wierwille
- Greeters:** 8AM: Nora Staunton, Sandy Wierwille  
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8AM: Steve McAfee  
10:30: Youth

\* Subject to change, correct as of time printed



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ATTENDANCE ..... Last Wednesday: 24  
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 45, 10:30 a.m.: 32, Total for the Day: 77  
..... Total for Week: 101  
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MINISTERS .....All Members of Zion  
CHURCH WEBSITE ..... [www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org)  
CHURCH OFFICE.....419-394-3115

## Calendar for July 23—August 6, 2023

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*
M/31	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/1	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/2	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
S/6	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, Dianne McDermitt, Tracy Anderson, Markham Hodge and Katie.

**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** 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.

**The financial statements** for the first 6 months have been mailed to households who have given a donation. Please contact Kathy, in the church office if you have a concern about your statement. 419-394-3115.

**The Zion Underground** will meet **today**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. 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 NALC Convocation** will be from **Wednesday, August 9-Friday, August 11**, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Two delegates are still needed. Some cost will be covered. If you are interested, please call the church office.

**Women's Bible Studies** will be starting again in September. The Wednesday evening on **September 13**, at 7 p.m. The Thursday afternoon on **September 14**, at 2 p.m. We will be meeting in the lounge. We will be studying "Come Holy Spirit". The study is about the third person of the Trinity. We will see how the Spirit is revealed throughout the Bible. The study books are \$10 each. Please let the church office know if you want one. Orders need to be in by **Sunday, August 27**. Hope to see you in September.

**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.

**Prayer Shawls/Lap Robes** are currently available in the church office. If you know of someone (man, woman or child) who are in need of comfort, stop by the church office to pick up a shawl/lap robe today. They are free and recipients do not need to be members of Zion to receive a lap robe or shawl.

**Devotions on Youtube & Facebook.** Pastor Bill does daily devotions Monday thru Friday. They are posted on his facebook page and on Youtube search under Zion Lutheran St. Marys, Ohio.

**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. 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 Budget</b>	<b>29 Week Budget</b>	<b>29 Week Income</b>	<b>Received 7/16</b>
\$6,133--Current	\$177,857	\$158,326	\$5,036
\$290--NALC Offering	\$8,410	\$3,920	\$101

## Council Organization 2023

*President: .....Neal Brady*

*Vice President: ..... Cheryl Macklem*

*Secretary: .....Jeanne Wurster*

*Assistant Secretary: ..... Genevieve Brown*

*Treasurer: .....Stanley Brown*

*Assistant Treasurer: .....Andrew O'Bryan*

**COUNCIL AT LARGE:** Pete Ackroyd, Stan Brown, Thelma Kellermeyer, Cheryl Macklem, Andrew O'Bryan, Doug Stetler

**BOARD OF DEACONS:** John Hesse, Dwayne Hoenie, Dan Macklem, Judy Schultz, Jody Slemmons Dianne Uhlenhake, Rhonda Weaver, **Jeanne Wurster\***, Ryan Yahl

**BOARD ELDERS:** Darl Bishir\*, Kathy Lampert, Brandy Yahl

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**BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION DIRECTOR:** Mindy Thiebeau

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** Genevieve Brown

**MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND:** Darl Bishir, **Doris Cook\***, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer, Marion Slater

*\*Chairperson*

# Listening for the Promise

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11) – July 23, 2023

*“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.”*

*-Matthew 13:24b-25-*

In this parable Jesus describes the Kingdom of God as a wheat field which a farmer has planted and into which an enemy has sown tares. Although the farmer's servants want to pluck out the tares, he tells them not to, lest they pull up the wheat along with the tares. Instead, he tells them to let the wheat and tares grow together until the harvest, at which time he will separate the tares from the wheat and burn them.

The point of the parable is that the Kingdom of God currently consists of a mixture of Christians and non-Christians. However, when Christ returns, the non-Christians will be separated from the Christians, judged, and removed. Moreover, from elsewhere in Scripture, we know that God's Kingdom will then come in its fullness with the entire creation being renewed. Thus, the fullness of God's Kingdom, the New Creation, and the final removal of the non-Christians all coincide.

But this leaves the question of what we are supposed to do in the meantime. Should we just wait passively for the end? This would make no sense. We live between the penetrating victory of Christ's first coming and the sweeping victory of his second coming. During this time, we are called to be salt and light (see Matt. 5:13-16) and to occupy until he comes (see Lk. 19:13). Yet, we don't know how the proportion of wheat and tares will vary over time. When Christ returns, will there be a wheat field with a minority of tares or a tare field with a minority of wheat?

However, in light of Christ's past and future victory and in light of his command to occupy, we engage the world in hope. And we do so precisely by being the wheat that He has called us to be, growing, bearing fruit, and displacing the tares *organically*. Of course, if we yank out the tares *mechanically*, we will damage the wheat around them. However, if we keep on bearing fruit, we may not only displace many tares, but even convert others to wheat! After all, since God's Spirit works through his word (see Heb. 4:12), the pointed application of God's word will soften some hearts while hardening others. Thus, some of the tares will convert; others will simply leave, and still others will choose to remain unconverted in the field. With these last we must patiently bear.