



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
210 North Wayne Street
St. Marys, OH 4588

August 6, 2023
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE *Prelude on Guidance*

See page 15 for words to this prelude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" #676

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

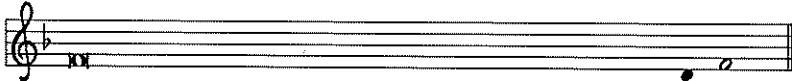
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



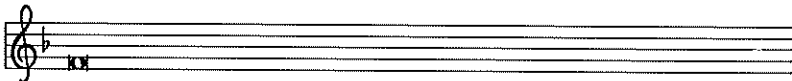
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



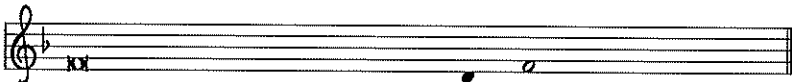
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



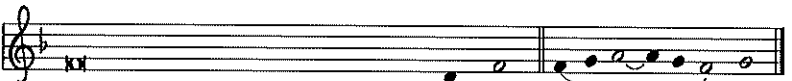
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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 55:1-5

Insert

PSALM 136:1-9

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-13

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
fourteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"* #777

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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

Soliloquy

CONGREGATIONAL SONG



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



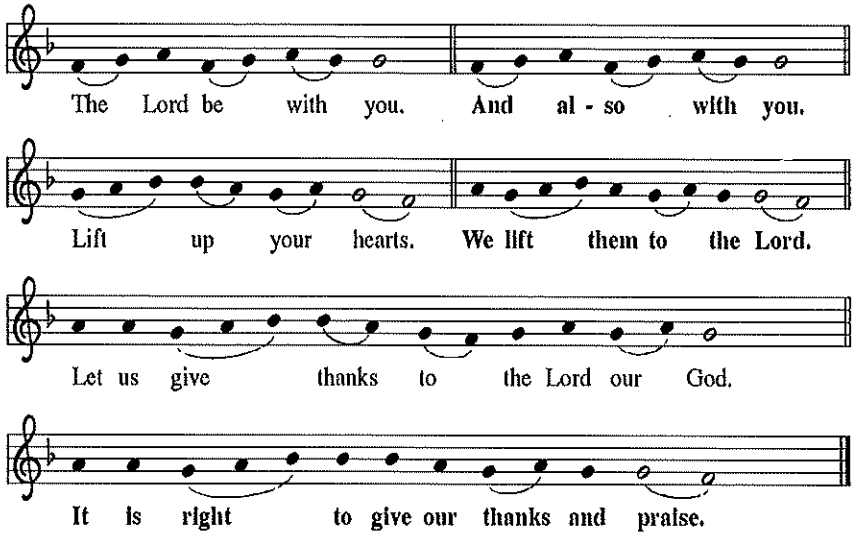
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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

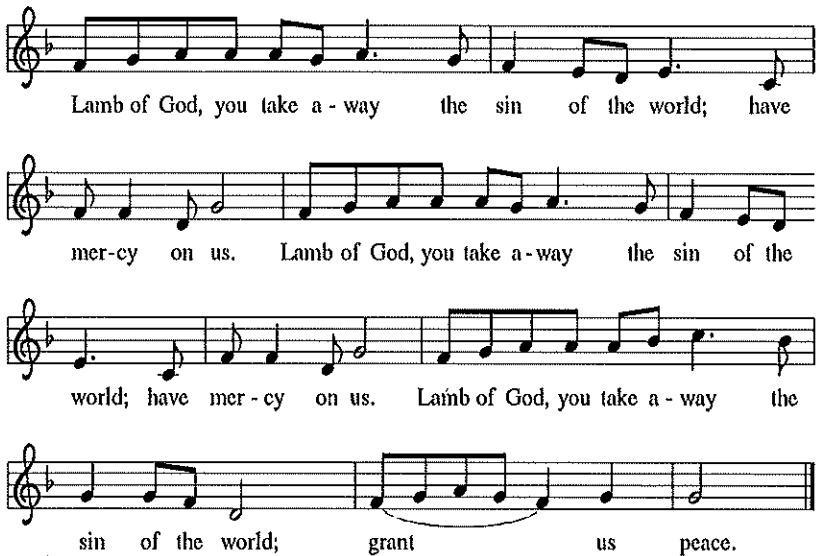
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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>"O Living Bread from Heaven"</i>	#542
<i>"We Come to the Hungry Feast"</i>	#479

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

P: 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

L: 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>"You Are the Way"</i>	#758
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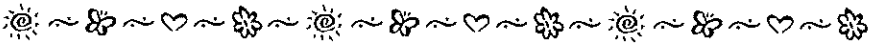
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Allegro

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Memory Verse

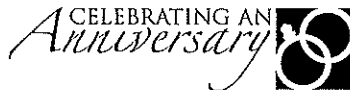
Matthew 14:14

When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.



Happy Birthday Mark!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mark Torsell's birthday, August 5. They are given by his wife, Connie.



Flowers have been placed on the chancel in honor of Quentin & Myra Clark's 62nd Wedding Anniversary today.

Today, August 6*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Makenna Meinerding
10:30AM: Megan Miller
- Communion** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster
Assistants: 10:30AM: Darl Bishir
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Aiden Meinerding
10:30AM: Will Ross
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandi, Eliza & Zaila Yahl
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Dana Cook,
Mark & Connie Torsell
- Fellowship** 8AM: Becky Harvey
Table: 10:30AM: John & Sue Vogel
- Greeters:** 8AM: Chris White, Sandy Wierwille
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Joni Immenschuh
- Readers:** 8AM: Doris Cook
10:30: Dwayne Hoenie

Next Sunday, August 13*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Noah Torsell
10:30am: Jessi Eberle
- Ushers:** 8AM: Dianne Uhlenhake, Jeanne Wurster,
Doug Stetler, Deb Henning
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Sandy Wierwille,
Keith Fledderjohann, Darl Bishir
- Fellowship** 8AM: Kraig & Miriam Johns
Table: 10:30am: Andrew & Lorra O'Bryan
- Greeters:** 8AM: Brandy & Ryan Yahl
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Linda Yahl
10:30: Dan Macklem

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday: 23
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 49, 10:30 a.m.: 41, Total for the Day: 90	
.....	Total for Week: 113
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Prelude on Guidance

*Shepherd, Show Me how to go
on the hill side steep.
How to gather, how to sow,
How to feed thy sheep*

Calendar for August 6-20, 2023

S/6	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship *
M/7	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/8	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/9	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
S/12	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/13	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Crafters
M/14	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/15	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	3:30 p.m.	September Newsletter Article Deadline
W/16	11:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting
Th/17	9:00 a.m.	Workday
S/20	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	6:30 p.m.	Underground

**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, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Ronald Suchland, Don Diers,

Linda Diers, 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, Katie, Miriam Johns, Val Heidtke, Brittany Scheer, Avery, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, the Family of Gene Menuez, and the attendances of the NALC National Convocation.

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.

The loose offering for the month of August is earmarked to support the mission of the church, in supporting the college scholarship program for our youth. The scholarship money assists our college students with tuition fees, through an application process set up by the church.

Creative Crafters will meet **Sunday, August 13**, at 1:30 p.m., to make mosaic rock art, a fun project for both adults and children. Sign up in the book on the display table in the Narthex. The cost is \$15.

Confirmation Classes begin for 7th and 8th graders with a Parent/Student and Pastor Informational Meeting on **Wednesday, August 16**, in the Auditorium at 7pm.

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.

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: **September 3 and October 8 & 29**.

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.

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.

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	31 Week Budget	31 Week Income	Received 7/30
\$6,133--Current	\$190,123	\$171,780	\$4,261
\$290--NALC Offering	\$8,990	\$4,110	\$79

<h2>Council Organization 2023</h2>

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**Chairperson*

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13) – August 6, 2023

“Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing.

Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. . . And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.”

–Matthew 14:19–21–

Jesus was traveling across the Sea of Galilee to a desolate place where he could pray alone. But the crowds saw where Jesus was heading and traveled along the shore line to meet him there. So, when Jesus got out of his boat, “he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick” (see Matt. 14:14). This brief description of the healing tells us that it is just a background condition of the story, not the main event. Although healing is emphasized in other stories, the main point here is not the healing, but the feeding of the 5,000 since it tells us something new about Jesus. It tells us that Jesus is the Bread of Life.

Another significant background condition is that this feeding occurs in a desolate place. In the symbolism of the Old Testament, the desert stands in contrast to the Garden of Eden. Since the desert lacks water and vegetation, it is the realm of death and the curse. Thus, Jesus feeds 5,000 people in a desolate place that has the symbolic overtones of the desert. As the Bread of Life, therefore, Jesus is also the Manna from Heaven since he is the blessing in a cursed and desolate place!

In recalling God’s provision of manna, Moses told the Israelites that manna served a spiritual purpose. From the manna they were to learn that “man does not live by bread alone, but . . . by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord” (Deut. 8:3b). And when Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert, He quoted these very words in His refusal to turn stones into bread (see Matt. 4: 4b). Thus, the Bread of Life who multiplied loaves and fish refused to use this same power to satisfy his own hunger. After all, Jesus’ miracles served a spiritual purpose. They were not for private use but to glorify God and show forth his Kingdom.

Humanity does not live by bread alone but by God’s word, and Jesus himself is this Word. Jesus is the Word who creates and governs all things, and is therefore the word who gives us our daily bread. Moreover, in becoming flesh this Word has entered into His creation to become our daily bread. In Jesus, therefore, the Word of Life has become the Bread of Life by whom we live.