

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

August 13, 2023
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *“Let the Whole Creation Cry”* #876

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

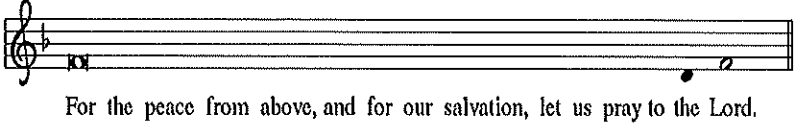
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



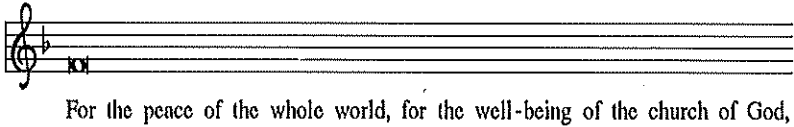
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



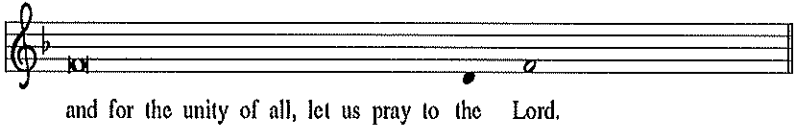
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



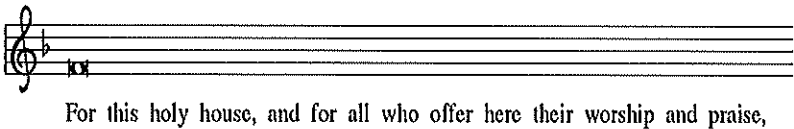
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



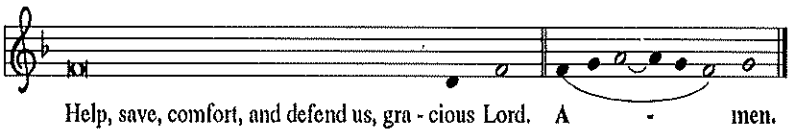
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

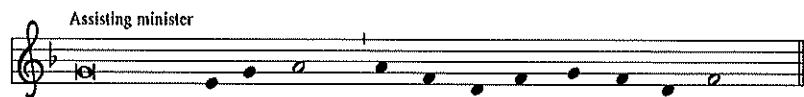


let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



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

Job 38:4-18

Insert

PSALM 18:1-6

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-17

Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - t - e - r - n - a - l life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"*

#755

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

CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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

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 *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

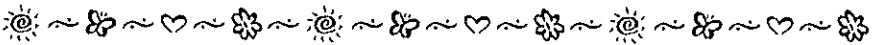
POSTLUDE

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Memory Verse

Matthew 14:28

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Terry Finke, by his family.



Happy Birthday Cheryl!

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Cheryl Macklem birthday on August 14, by her husband.

Today, 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**
Table: 8AM: Kraig & Miriam Johns
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

Next Sunday, August 20*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Noah Torsell
10:30am: Maylee Fischbach
- Communion**
Assistants: 8AM: Jody Slemmons
10:30AM: Ann Maki
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Jake Ackroyd
10:30AM: Zoey Henning
- Ushers:** 8AM: Rhonda Weaver, Judy Schultz,
Jody Slemmons, Chris White
10:30AM: John & Amy Hesse,
Mark & Connie Torsell
- Fellowship**
Table: 8AM: Jody & Marilyn Slemmons
10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
- Greeters:** 8AM: John & Amy Hesse
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8AM: Kathy Langsdon
10:30: Savannah Slater

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

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Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14) – August 13, 2023

"And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea."

-Matthew 14:25-

The account of Jesus walking on the water reminds us of a similar account when Jesus calmed a storm. In both cases, Jesus quieted an actual storm. In both cases, Jesus rebuked one or more of his disciples for lacking faith. And in both cases the disciples were amazed by what Jesus had done.

Yet, their amazement took a different form in each account. When Jesus calmed the storm, their wonder took the form of a question: "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him" (Matt. 8:27b). However, when Jesus walked on the water, their wonder provided the answer to their previous question: "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matt. 14:33b).

In calming the storm and in walking on the water, Jesus showed his disciples that he had control over the forces of nature. As the eternal Word who had created the world, Jesus was able to rule this world. But when he first calmed the storm, the disciples could not yet see his identity this clearly. In walking on the water, however, Jesus revealed more of himself. How so?

In the Bible the waters are the symbol of chaos. In the beginning the world was a watery chaos and was therefore

without form and void. And God's Spirit hovered over the face of the watery deep. God formed the world by dividing and limiting this watery chaos, but he later released these waters to destroy the world in the flood. At the Red Sea, God once again divided the waters to let Israel pass through, but then he released these very waters to drown the Egyptians.

In addition to symbolizing chaos, however, the watery deep is also the realm of the multi-headed dragon Leviathan (i.e. the Serpent). In Revelation 13:1, we see Leviathan with seven heads and ten horns rising from the sea. Moreover, Psalm 74:13-14 portrays creation as an act of dividing the waters and crushing the heads of Leviathan. Metaphorically speaking, therefore, God's good creation is a victory over the forces of chaos and evil.

Accordingly, when Jesus came walking on the water, his disciples saw Him dancing on the head of Leviathan. Thus, they finally saw him as the Lord of creation with the full authority to crush the Serpent's head.

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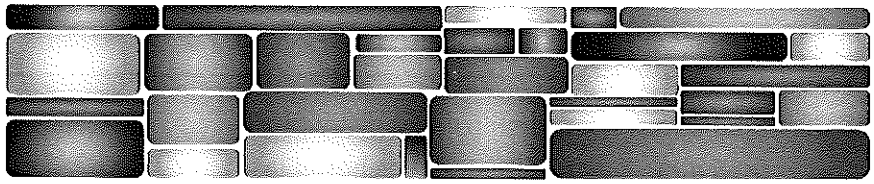
Calendar for August 13-27, 2023

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
M/21	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/22	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/23	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class & Acolyte Training
S/26	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys Tri-Squares
S/27	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

**Holy Communion*

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

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 21
 Sunday: 8 a.m.—42, 10:30 a.m.—56; Total for the Day--98
 Total for Week: 119



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, Eileen Schamp, Tom Grunden, 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.

Mark Torsell wishes to thank everyone who sent him birthday greetings this past week.

Creative Crafters will meet today **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.

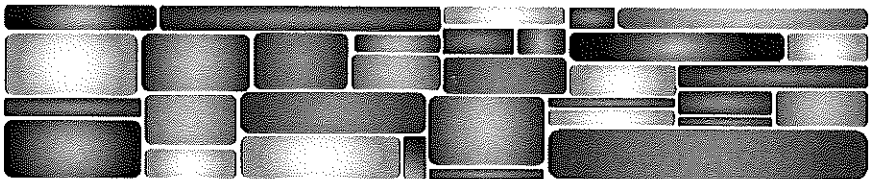
We are in need of an Agape Representative. If you are interested, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

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	32 Week Budget	32 Week Income	Received 8/6
\$6,133--Current	\$196,256	\$180,782	\$9,002
\$290--NALC Offering	\$9,280	\$4,172	\$62



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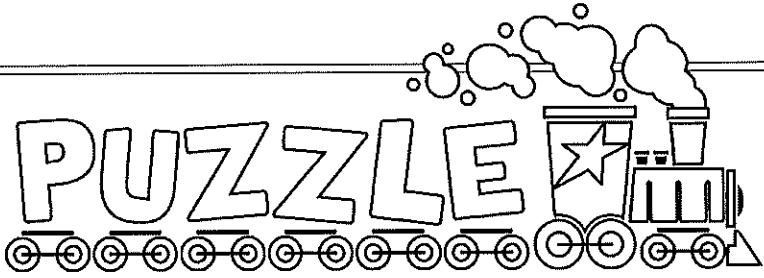
MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND: Darl Bishir, **Doris Cook***, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer, Marion Slater

**Chairperson*

Come O Thou Traveler Unknown is our prelude today. This hymn, at one time, had 14 verses. The words to this hymn are as follows.

1. Come, O Thou Traveler unknown,
Whom still I hold, but cannot see;
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with Thee;
With Thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.
2. I need not tell Thee who I am,
My misery and sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name;
Look on Thy hands, and read it there!
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou?
Tell me Thy name, and tell me now.
3. In vain Thou strugglest to get free;
I never will unloose my hold.
Art thou the Man that died for me?
The secret of Thy love unfold:
Wrestling, I will not let Thee go,
Till I Thy name, Thy nature know.
4. Yield to me now, for I am weak,
But confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak,
Be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if Thy name is Love!
5. 'Tis Love, 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me!
I hear Thy whisper in my heart!
The morning breaks, the shadows flee;
Pure universal Love Thou art:
To me, to all, Thy mercies move;
Thy nature and Thy name is Love.

PUZZLE



A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA



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V E V I B G R N V R

I V N V N Y V I B L F

R M Z O O N B

K I Z B V I H U L I Z O O

L U B L F R Z O D Z B H

K I Z B D R G S Q L B

K S R O R K K R Z M H

1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you, in all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV