



THE EARTH
HAS
YIELDED
ITS
INCREASE;
GOD,
OUR GOD,
SHALL
BLESS US.

PSALM 67:6. EGV

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

August 20, 2023
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE

The Everlasting Arms

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

P: At this time anyone wishing to have their backpack blessed for the upcoming school year may bring it forward and set it down at the rail.

P: The new school year is upon us and our children will be returning to the classroom to continue their education. They will have books and papers and calculators and homework and permission slips, along with many other school and personal items, they will have to carry with them throughout the school year.

Backpacks have become the preferred method of transporting and storing items to and from school. They have become essential for all school age children to have and use.

C: O Lord, today we seek your blessing upon these backpacks, set aside to assist our young folks in their educational efforts. Keep all the items carried within protected from the elements and help them stay organized for use. May the homework carried within be completed as their best work, and may their efforts be a witness to faith in you as they strive to be your good and faithful servants.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, these items are now blessed and consecrated for the **2023-2024** school year. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"God is Here!"* #526

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Page 94

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

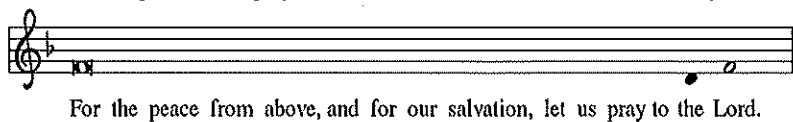
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life
eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and
the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our
life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



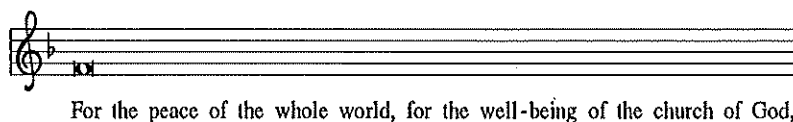
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



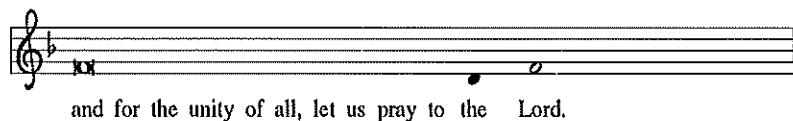
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



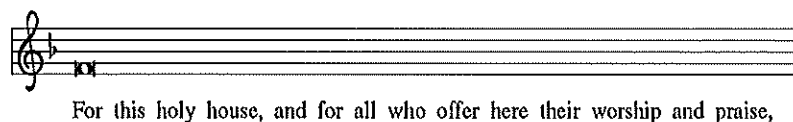
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



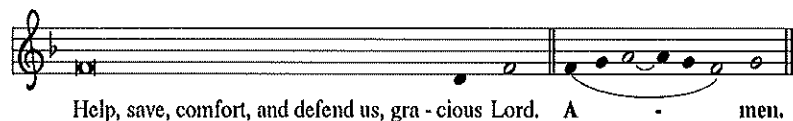
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



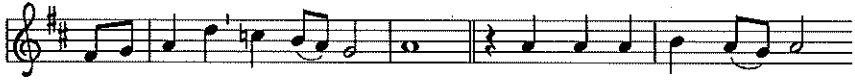
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - men.

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 56:1, 6-8

Insert

PSALM 67

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

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 fifteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Healer of Our Every Ill"*

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NICENE CREED

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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

A Litany for Peace

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



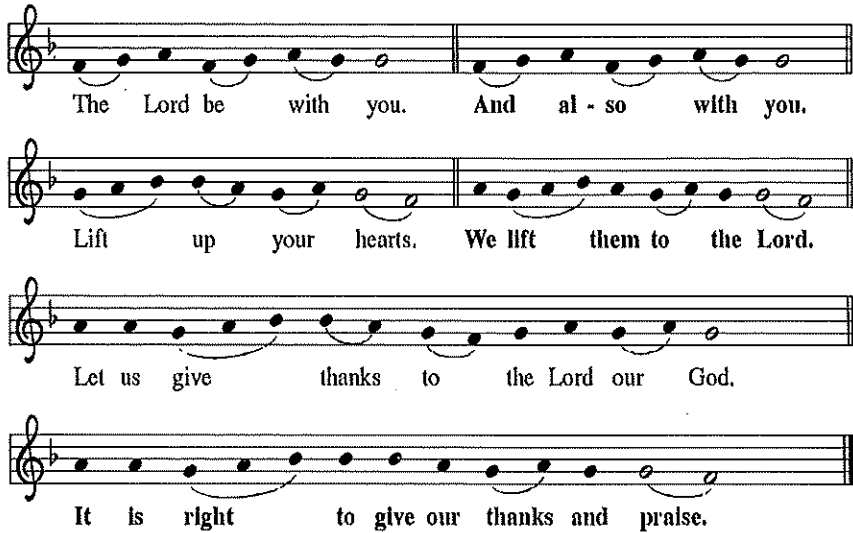
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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

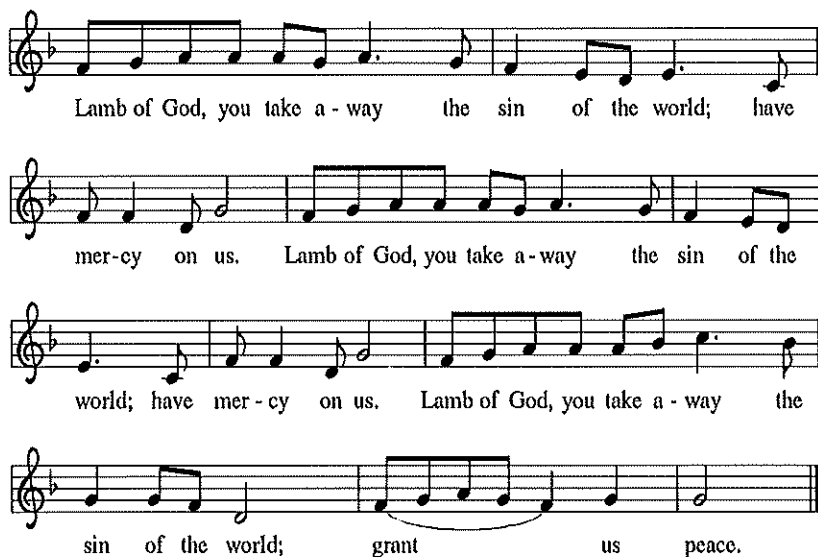
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

- "Day by Day"* #790
"By Your Hand You Feed Your People" #469

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

- "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* #886

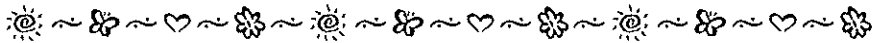
DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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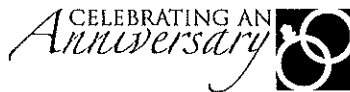
Memory Verse

Matthew 15:25

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the students going back to school by Marion & Josie Slater.



The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Steve & Dora McAfee's 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 18th. There has also been a bud vase placed on the chancel in honor of their anniversary.

A bud vase has also been placed on the chancel in honor of Neil & Joyce Cook's 62nd Wedding Anniversary on August 19th.

Today, 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

Next Sunday, August 27*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: New Schedule Out Soon
10:30am: New Schedule Out Soon
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Darl Bishir,
Stanley & Debbie Brown
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Pastor Bill & Ann Maki
10:30am: Stanley & Debbie Brown
- Greeters:** 8AM: Judy Schultz, Vic Von Blon
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Joni Immenschuh
- Readers:** 8AM: Betty Hussey
10:30: Darl Bishir

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

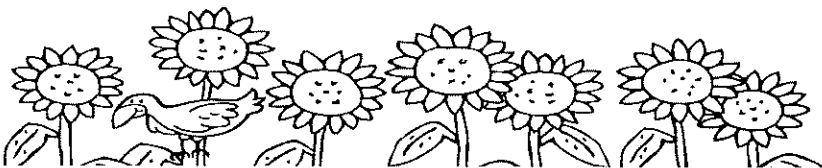
ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 15
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 42, 10:30 a.m.: 45, Total for the Day: 87
..... Total for Week: 102
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Calendar for August 20—September 3, 2023

S/20	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*/Blessing of Backpacks
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*/Blessing of Backpacks
	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
M/28	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/29	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/30	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
T/31	3:30 p.m.	Council Report Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
S/3	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



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, 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, Tom Grunden, Eileen Schamp and Family of Bill Maze.

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.

Zion Women – please look at the bulletin board and showcase of Women display in the narthex. These are programs we have for women here at Zion. See if there is a group you would like to be a part of. We can always use more volunteer help. Is the Spirit calling you?

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**.

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.

Weekly Budget	33 Week Budget	33 Week Income	Received 8/13
\$6,133--Current	\$202,389	\$185,183	\$4,401
\$290--NALC Offering	\$9,570	\$10,213	\$6,0417

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