



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

August 27, 2023

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE

This Savior Mine

Although an original composition, the composer, Gilbert Martin, wrote these words regarding the number: "I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine. And, with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine" (Horatius Bonar 1861)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Built on a Rock"

#652

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

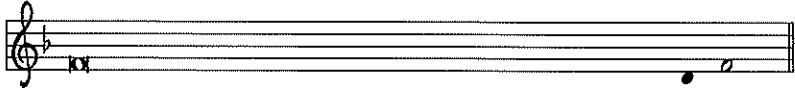
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



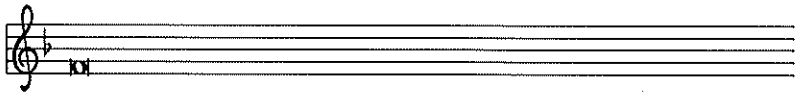
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



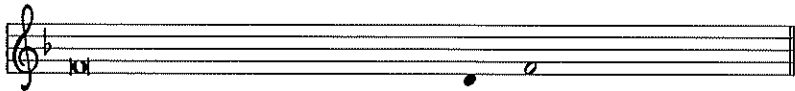
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



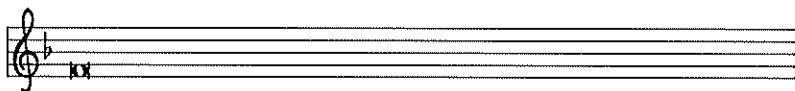
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



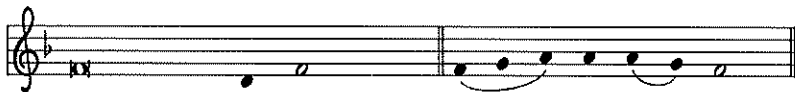
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



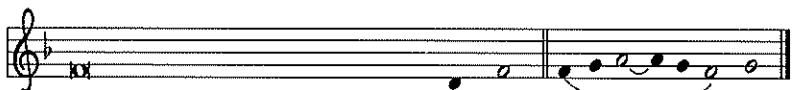
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

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

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

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PSALM 138

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SECOND READING

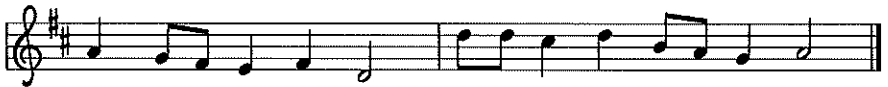
Romans 11:33-12:8

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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 sixteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"How Firm a Foundation"*

#796

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"* #596

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

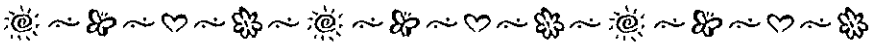
POSTLUDE

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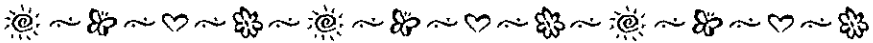
Matthew 16:15

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"



***Happy
Birthday!***

The Altar Flowers are given by Linda and Ed Yahl in God's glory for our family's summer birthdays: Cayden Ballweg, June 21; Andrew Robinson, August 1; Jenna Yahl, August 13; Eliza Yahl, August 31; Ava Yahl and Ed Yahl, September 17; Linda Yahl, September 21; and Ryan Yahl, September 26.



*Today, August 27**

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Jessi Eberle
10:30am: Hunter Coldiron
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Darl Bishir,
Stanley & Debbie Brown
- Fellowship** 8AM: Pastor Bill & Ann Maki
Table: 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

*Next Sunday, September 3**

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Zoey Lampert
10:30am: Noah Torsell
- Communion** 8AM: Jody Slemmons
Assistants: 10:30AM: Connie Torsell
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Jacob Sharp
10:30AM: Bennett Glass
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Joyce Finke,
John & Amy Hesse
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Sandy Wierwille,
Mark Torsell, Keith Fledderjohann
- Fellowship** 8AM: Harry & Nora Staunton
Table: 10:30am: Craig & Kathy Miller
- Greeters:** 8AM: Nora Staunton, Becky Harvey
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Nora Staunton
10:30: Kathy Lampert

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 16
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 57, 10:30 a.m.: 36, Total for the Day: 93
..... Total for Day: 109
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Calendar for August 27—September 10, 2023

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*
M/4		Labor Day/Office Closed
T/5	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/6	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Guides Meeting/No Class
S/9	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/10	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Kick Off
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Crafters

**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, 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, Alan Bishir, Maria, Baby Athena, Susan Kiel Lengerich, Family of Bill Maze, Family of Paul Axe, and Family of Carolyn Stevens.

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.

We invite you to include in your prayers the upcoming marriage of Jocelyn Henning and Philip Moorman who will be married next Saturday.

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.

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?

Today is the deadline to sign up for the Women's Bible Studies 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.

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 29.**

Join us in the Auditorium on **Sunday, September 10**, at 9:15 a.m. for the Sunday School Kick-Off, Walking with Jesus! We will discover that Jesus really is our very best friend and is with us always!

Creative Crafters will meet in the auditorium on **Sunday, September 10**, at 1:30 p.m., for a demonstration on spinning fiber for beginners. The demonstration will include use of a drop spindle, spinning yarn on a wheel, and spinning yarn using an electronic. Guest speakers will be Kathy Hart and Cathy Kosboth. Demonstration is free. Snack and beverage will be served.

The Women Fellowship Bible Study will be starting up on **Monday, September 11**, at 7 p.m. in the lounge. They will continue to study the book of Exodus.

The Pastor Led Bible Study will resume on **Monday, September 11**, at 7 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.

The Over 70 Dinner will be held **Sunday, October 1**, in the auditorium at 12:00. If you are over 70 come and bring your spouse for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. Thomas Nicholas St. Marys City Police Chief will speak on Scamming the Elderly. Please sign up in the September "I Worship Today" by **Sunday, September 24**.

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	34 Week Budget	34 Week Income	Received 8/20
\$6,133--Current	\$208,522	\$191,075	\$5889
\$290--NALC Offering	\$9,860	\$10,346	\$132.50

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**Chairperson*

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16) – August 27, 2023

“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,

‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’

*And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah,
and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’*

He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’

Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”

–Matthew 16:13–16–

The word “messiah” means “anointed one.” As the Messiah, Jesus was a prophet, a priest, and a king. Indeed, he was the ultimate prophet, the ultimate priest, and the ultimate king. He was the one to whom all the prophets, priests, and kings pointed and continue to point. As Lutherans, we often focus upon Christ’s priestly office which he exercised by sacrificing himself on the cross. However, before Jesus made this priestly sacrifice and before he ascended to heaven as king, he exercised the office of a prophet. Thus, it was natural that his contemporaries would see him as a prophet, even if this description was incomplete.

So what is a prophet? A prophet is God’s prosecuting attorney. He or she announces the breaches of God’s covenant (or law) and the sanctions that will follow if people do not amend their lives. So understood, a prophet is both a foreteller and a forth-teller. As a foreteller, a prophet foretells the future, and as a forth-teller, a prophet tells it like it is. In his Sermon on the Mount (see Matt. 5–7) and in his denunciations of the Pharisees, Jesus was a forth-teller. He proclaimed God’s law and called for an amendment of life. But Jesus was also a foreteller. For instance, in his Olivet Discourse (see Matt. 24), Jesus foretold the coming destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

Today we must embrace Christ’s prophetic office as a prelude to engaging culture prophetically. Our culture desperately needs us to raise a prophetic voice, yet we are afraid to speak. Indeed, as Lutherans, we may well be afraid to use God’s law due to our concern about legalism. However, legalism becomes an issue only when we try to earn our salvation through the law, not when we use God’s law as a moral standard.

On a practical level, some say that prophetic engagement will reduce church attendance because such an approach is not seeker sensitive. However, in the long run, the opposite is true. After all, if we do not proclaim the law, we cannot define sin. If we cannot define sin, we have no gospel. And if we have no gospel, Christianity is meaningless. Today the church is hemorrhaging young people because a culture of moral relativism has made Christianity meaningless in their eyes. To solve this problem, we need prophetic engagement, not another seeker sensitive program that waters down the faith.