

Matthew 16:24, ESV



...let him  
deny himself  
and take up his cross  
and follow me.

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

September 3, 2023  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE      *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*      Ritter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG      *"Earth and All Stars!"*      #731

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



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.



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.



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**

**Jeremiah 15:15-21**

Insert

**PSALM 26**

Insert

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 12:9-21**

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 sixteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL

**Matthew 16:21-28**

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"* #712

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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

*Offertory on Converse*

Haan

## 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.

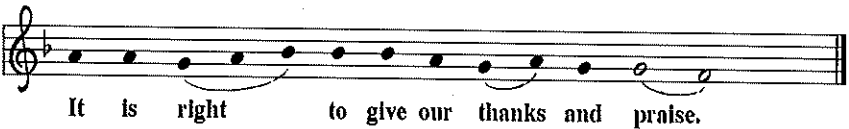
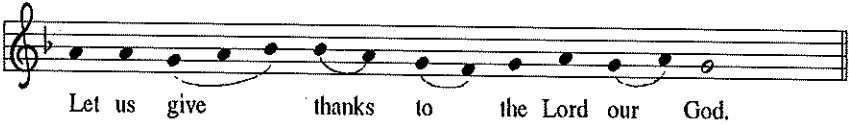
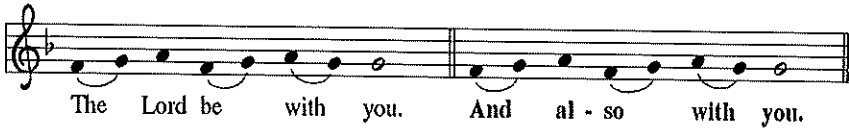
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**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



## 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:



## 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

- "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* #656  
*"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"* #494

### 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      *"Lift High the Cross"*      #660

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

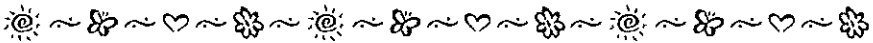
**C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*God of Our Fathers*

*McDonald*

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**Memory Verse**

**Romans 12:9**

*Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;  
hold fast to what is good.*

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*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Deb Henning in celebration of the marriage of her daughter, Jocelyn yesterday to Phil Moorman.*

***Today, September 3\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Zoey Lampert  
10:30am: Noah Torsell
- Communion Assistants:** 8AM: Jody Slemmons  
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 Table:** 8AM: Harry & Nora Staunton  
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

***Next Sunday, September 10\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Maylee Fischbach  
10:30am: Colton Ankerman
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jody Slemmons, Doug Stetler,  
Dianne Uhlenhake, Rhonda Weaver  
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Dana Cook,  
Stanley & Debbie Brown,
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Joyce Finke  
10:30am: Sandy Wierwille
- Greeters:** 8AM: Nora Staunton, Judy Schultz  
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Alexa Coldiron  
10:30: Andrew O'Bryan

\* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE .....	Last Wednesday: 27
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 50, 10:30 a.m.: 38, Total for the Day: 88	
.....	Total for Week: 115
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## Calendar for September 3-17, 2023

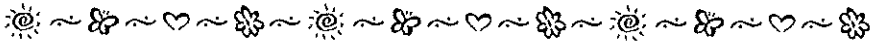
S/3	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
M/4		Labor Day/Office Closed
T/5	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/6	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	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
M/11	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/12	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/13	9:30 a.m.	Women's Board Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Come, Holy Spirit! Bible Study
Th/14	2:00 p.m.	Come, Holy Spirit! Bible Study
F/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline



S/17 8:00 a.m. Worship+\*  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship\*  
6:30 p.m. Underground

*\*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, Paul White, 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, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Mark Torsell, Michael & Samantha Franklin, Don Renninger, Emily Henkle, Family of Susan Lengerich, Family of Paul Axe, Family of Carolyn Stevens and those affected by the wildfires in our nation.

**Please pray** for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carrol, 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 marriage of Jocelyn & Philip Moorman who were married yesterday.

**Christian Sympathy** to the Family of Susan Lengerich, daughter of Connie Kiel.

**The loose offering** for the month of September each Wednesday & Sunday is earmarked for the North West Ohio Mission District of the NALC. Check out the September newsletter for more information on our Mission District.

**The church office** will be closed on **Monday, September 4**, in observance of Labor Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**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!

**The Crossroads** Sunday school class will begin on **September 10**, in the Lounge, at 9:15 a.m. This class is a multi-generational class open to High School students and Adults of all ages. This class will be using the DVD "The Prodigal God" and will help us look at the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The sessions will follow this format: 1) The Parable 2) The People Around Jesus 3) The Two Lost Sons 4) The Elder Brother 5) The True Elder Brother 6) The Feast of the Father.

**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.

**Pastor led Bible Study** will begin **Monday September 11**, at 7 p.m., and will be held in the All-Purpose Room on the second floor of the Educational building. The study will utilize a DVD entitled "The Awe of God," a video led series that explores "the promises in Scripture that are given to those who embrace the fear of God." The sessions will discuss: 1) Holy Awe 2) Revealed as We Are 3) Irresistible Holiness 4) God's Word 5) Intimacy with God.

**Women's Bible Studies** will start again on **Wednesday, September 13**, at 7 p.m. and **Thursday, September 14**, at 2 p.m. We will be meeting in the lounge.

**The Over 70 Dinner** will be held **Sunday, October 1**, in the auditorium, at 12 noon. If you are over 70 come and bring your spouse for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. Auglaize County Sheriff, Mike Vorhees will speak on Elderly Scams. 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.

**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?

**We have installed equipment** for livestreaming of our worship services. The worship services can be found on our Facebook page.

**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.

Weekly Budget	35 Week Budget	35 Week Income	Received 8/27
\$6,133--Current	\$214,655	\$194,509	\$3,433
\$290--NALC Offering	\$10,150	\$10,461	\$115

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