

*The LORD is  
my light and  
my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?*  
PSALM 27:1, NRSV

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

**September 24, 2023**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

**PRELUDE**      *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*      Anderson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK**

Dora McAfee

**GATHERING SONG**      *"Jesus Shall Reign"*      #434

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: 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.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one  
another.

L: 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.

L: God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

#### GREETING

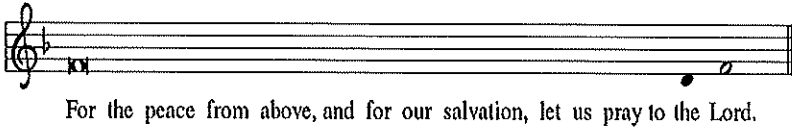
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

# KYRIE



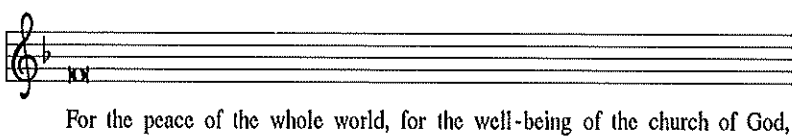
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



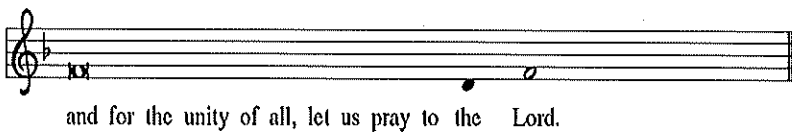
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



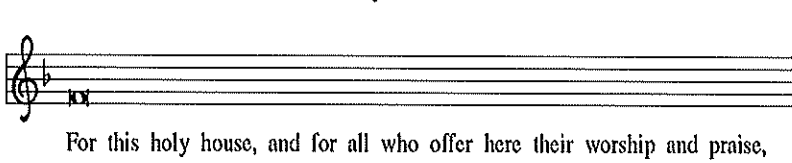
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



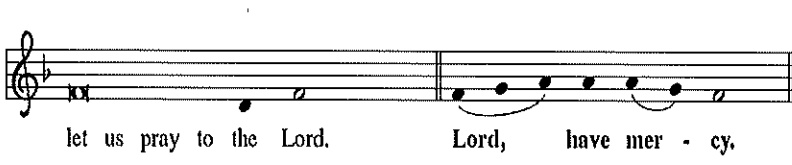
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



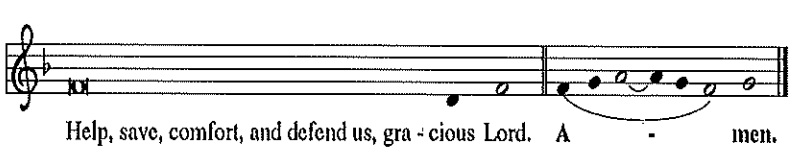
Lord, have mer - cy.



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**

Insert

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

Insert

**PSALM 27:1-13**

Insert

**SECOND READING**

**Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30**

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.

**L:** The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the twentieth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

Insert

**L:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Lord of Light"*

#688

**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**

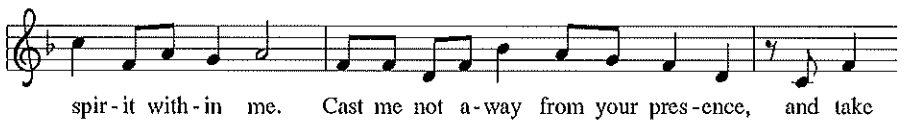
L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**            *Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine*    Bach-Thompson

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**            *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



### OFFERING PRAYER

L: Lord God, we give you thanks for the wondrous gifts you have so freely given us. You are the source of our lives, our work, and our possessions. In an act of worship we offer back to you what you have first given to us, that our sacrifices in some small way, might express our devotion to you and be used to spread the Good News of Christ to the world. We pray this in the strong name of Jesus.

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    *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*    #834

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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**Memory Verse****Philippians 1:27**

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,...*



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Harold & Betty Hussey's 31<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 19<sup>th</sup>.*



Zion Lutheran Church is a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).  
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***Today, September 24\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Noah Torsell  
10:30am: Jessi Eberle
- Ushers:** 8AM: Dianne Uhlenhake, Judy Schultz,  
Dora McAfee, Deb Henning  
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Keith Fledderjohann,  
Sandy Wierwille, Darl Bishir
- Fellowship** 8AM: Joyce Ross  
**Table:** 10:30am: Andrew & Lorra O'Bryan
- Greeters:** 8AM: John & Amy Hesse  
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Linda Yahl  
10:30: Stanley Brown

***Next Sunday, October 1\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Hunter Coldiron  
10:30am: Colton Ankerman
- Communion** 8AM: John Hesse  
**Assistants:** 10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Will Ross  
10:30AM: Genevieve Brown
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl  
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Stan & Debbie Brown,  
Dana Cook
- Fellowship** 8AM: Becky Harvey  
**Table:** 10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
- Greeters:** 8AM: Vic Von Blon, Becky Harvey  
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8AM: Doris Cook  
10:30: Debbie Brown

\* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE .....	Last Wednesday: 35
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 52, 10:30 a.m.: 38, Total for the Day: 90	
.....	Total for Day: 125
DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION.....	
.....	Mindy Thiebeau, <a href="mailto:zionbpe@gmail.com">zionbpe@gmail.com</a>
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MINISTERS .....	All Members of Zion
CHURCH WEBSITE.....	<a href="http://www.zionstmarys.org">www.zionstmarys.org</a>
CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

## Calendar for September 24—October 8, 2023

S/24	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
M/25	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Bible Study
T/26	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	9:30 a.m.	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting
W/27	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting
Th/28	12 Noon	Middle School Bible Release Time
	3:30 p.m.	Council Report Deadline
S/1	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	12 Noon	Over 70 Dinner
	1:00 p.m.	Sacred Spaces of St. Marys
M/2	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
T/3	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/4	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 Class
Th/5	12 Noon	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/8	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Muffins with Mom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

**We invite you** to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ann Morris, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Ronald Suchland, Don Diers, Linda Diers, Paul White, Miriam Johns, Val Heidtke, Avery, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Tom Grunden, Alan Bishir, Maria, Baby Athena, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Pastor Wilck, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Emily Henkle, Scarlett, Laura Yelton, Mark Torsell, Family of Cecelia Houseworth, Family of David Gossard, and the Family of Eileen Schamp.

**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.

**Christian Sympathy** to the Family of Eileen Schamp, sister to Janice Suchland & Carol Knatz and to the of Family of Cecelia Houseworth, mother of Annie Falasco.

**While Pastor Bill** is on vacation this week, Pastor Adam Poe will be covering emergencies for him. His home/office number: 419-942-2591. This is his primary number for phone call contact as cell phone coverage is spotty there. His cell number remains: 419-265-5417. In case he is not at home or someone needs to text. Texting is generally reliable, but should not be depended on in the case of emergency.

**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 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**.

**The Women will be holding elections** for Vice-President and Treasurer for the Women's Board during services on **Wednesday, September 27 and Sunday, October 1**. Nominees for Vice President are Cheryl Macklem and Rhonda Weaver, for position of Treasurer are Debbie Brown and Dianne Uhlenhake. Ballots will be handed out before services and may be dropped in the ballot box in the Narthex that day.

**Wayne Street Church** presents "Women Conference 2023" on **Friday, September 29**, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and **Saturday, September 30**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Hope" Jeremiah 29:11. Guest speaker: Shannon Maier from Journey Living Ministries. Join us for praise and worship, various speakers, DIY project and plenty of fellowship and food. Register by email: [WoWaynestreet@gmail.com](mailto:WoWaynestreet@gmail.com) Cost: \$30 (with t-shirt) or \$20 (no t-shirt).

**Join Us For A Special Tour**, Sacred Spaces of St. Marys: **Sunday October 1**, 1 to 4 pm; free and open to the public. First Baptist Church, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Zion Lutheran Church, and the chapel at Elm Grove Cemetery will participate in the Sacred Spaces Tour of St. Marys, organized by the 175th Auglaize County Anniversary Committee. All are welcome to learn more about the architecture, history, and

mission of these community institutions. Begin your tour at any of the five sites, where you will receive a booklet about the history of the participating churches/chapel.

\*We are part of this tour and are in need of volunteers. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

**Hey moms! Sunday, October 8,** is Muffins with Mom Day in Sunday school. Attend Sunday school with your PreK - 5th graders!

**Zion's library** will be reopening on **Sunday, October 8.** Betty Hussey and Sue Hecht have worked at cleaning and reorganizing the library. They hope that members will use the library for reference material and enjoyment reading material. Watch for more information coming and come to the dedication of our library.

**Choir** will start **Wednesday, October 11,** at 7:00 p.m. All are welcomed.

**The Creative Crafters** will be making a Halloween Pocket Pillow. We will meet in the all-purpose room on **Sunday, October 22,** at 1:30 p.m., for this project. The \$15 fee will include all supplies, fabric, pillow form and thread. A pillow is on display in the Narthex, sign up in the notebook if you plan to attend.

**If you would like to** leave a phone message for the church office, please call our phone number, 419-394-3115, and let it ring 5 times. After the fifth ring you will be prompted to leave your message.

**Warm Winter Coat & Gloves Drive:** Agape is accepting donations of New & Gently Used adult and children's winter coats and new winter waterproof gloves until **Tuesday, October 31.** Drop off coats in the barrel provided in our portico or take them to the

Agape Client Services Building, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. If dropping the coats off at Agape Thrift Store, you must specify it is for the Warm Winter Coat Drive.

**Check out our bulletin board** by the alley entrance for information about local events, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, local organizations, and more.

**Devotions on Youtube & Facebook.** Pastor Bill does daily devotions Monday thru Friday. They are posted on his facebook page and on Youtube search under Zion Lutheran St. Marys, Ohio.

**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.

<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>38 Week Budget</b>	<b>38 Week Income</b>	<b>Received 9/17</b>
\$6,133--Current	\$233,054	\$211,441	\$5,016
\$290--NALC Offering	\$11,020	\$10,852	\$116

## Council Organization 2023

*President:* .....Neal Brady  
*Vice President:* .....Cheryl Macklem  
*Secretary:* .....Jeanne Wurster  
*Assistant Secretary:* .....Genevieve Brown  
*Treasurer:* .....Stanley Brown  
*Assistant Treasurer:* .....Andrew O'Bryan

**COUNCIL AT LARGE:** Pete Ackroyd, Stan Brown, Thelma Kellermeyer, Cheryl Macklem, Andrew O'Bryan, Doug Stetler

**BOARD OF DEACONS:** John Hesse, Dwayne Hoenie, Dan Macklem, Judy Schultz, Jody Slemmons, Dianne Uhlenhake, Rhonda Weaver, **Jeanne Wurster\***, Ryan Yahl

**BOARD ELDERS:** Darl Bishir\*, Kathy Lampert, Brandy Yahl

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Dana Cook\*, Ed Flora, Eric Langsdon, Kurt Rodeheffer

**BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION:** Alexa Coldiron, Karrie Hughes, Ann Maki, **Sandy Wierwille\***

**BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION DIRECTOR:** Mindy Thiebeau

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** Genevieve Brown

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

*\*Chairperson*