

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

October 1, 2023
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

Psalm 25:3

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"* #696

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

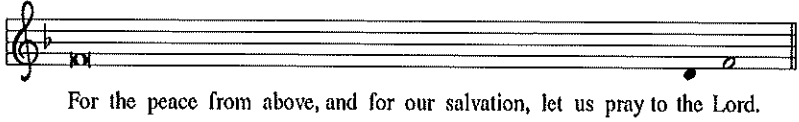
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



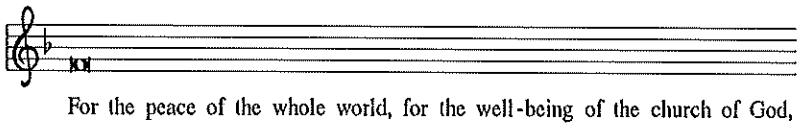
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



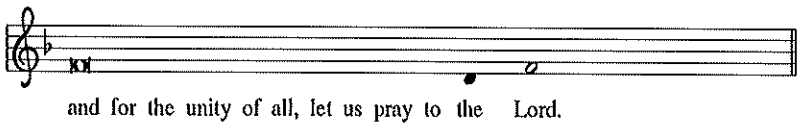
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



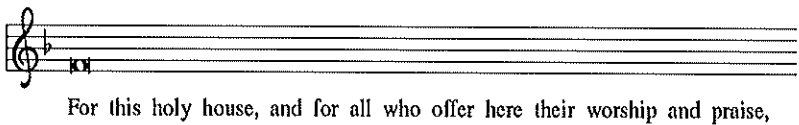
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



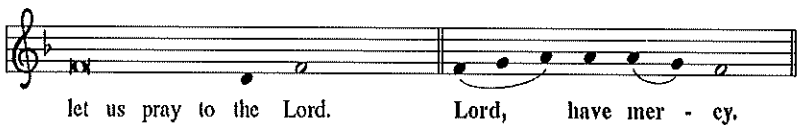
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



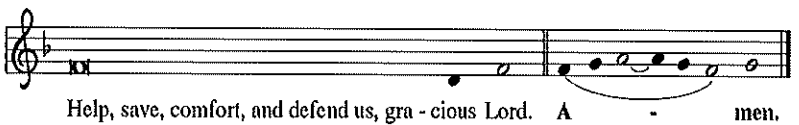
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Insert

PSALM 25:1-9

Insert

SECOND READING Philipians 2:1-4, 14-18

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 twenty-first chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”* #789

HOLY BAPTISM OF MARLEE MAE ROSE (10:30) Insert

NICENE CREED (8:00) Page 104

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

CONGREGATIONAL SONG



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. 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



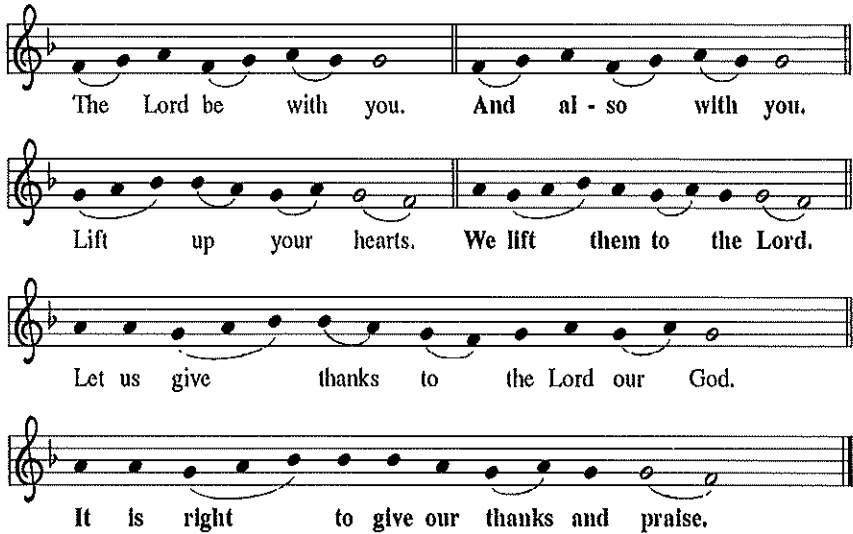
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: 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.

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:



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

- "What Wondrous Love Is This"* #666
"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 *"The Church's One Foundation"* #654

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Memory Verse

Philippians 2:14

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing...



Happy Birthday Ann!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Ann Maki's birthday on October 3rd by Jeremy and Alexa Kemmann.



The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the baptism of Marlee Mae Rose by her grandparents.



Flowers have been placed on the chancel in honor of Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie's 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

Today, 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

Next Sunday, October 8

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Maylee Fischbach
10:30am: Cason Meinerding
- Ushers:** 8AM: Judy Schultz, Joyce Finke,
Rhonda Weaver, Deb Henning
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Sandy Wierwille,
Mark & Connie Torsell
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Kraig & Miriam Johns
10:30am: Stanley & Debbie Brown
- Greeters:** 8AM: Ed & Linda Yahl
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Linda Decker
10:30: Ruth Hoenie

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Holy Baptism of Marlee Mae Rose

PRESENTATION

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

(Godparents, Jared Rose, Ethan Rose and Jaycie Knifley present Marlee Mae Rose)

S: We present *Marlee Mae Rose* for baptism.

(The minister addresses the parents, Tyler & Paige Rose.)

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Marlee Mae Rose* baptized into Christ?

M: I do.

P: As you bring *Marlee Mae* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and
the Ten Commandments,

place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that *Marlee Mae* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ
through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Marlee Mae* grow in the Christian faith and life?

M: I do.

(The minister addresses Godparents.)

P: Godparents of *Marlee Mae*, do you promise to nurture *her* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *her* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

S: I do.

(The minister addresses the assembly)

P: People of God, do you promise to support *Marlee Mae* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(The minister addresses the parents and Godparents of Marlee Mae.)

P: Parents and Godparents, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I renounce them.

(The minister addresses everyone gathered.)

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (Pour water)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you have set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BAPTISM

P: *Marlee Mae*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. You belong to Christ; in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

(Laying a hand on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays.)

P: Sustain *Marlee Mae* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

(The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized in oil.)

P: *Marlee Mae*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

(A baptismal candle is lit and presented to the newly baptized by a Godparent.)

S: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

(The minister and the baptismal group face the assembly.)

P: Let us welcome *Marlee Mae Rose* into the family of God.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The Word of God



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Prayer of the Day

O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the LORD God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of

Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the LORD God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the LORD God; so turn, and live."

Psalm 25:1-9*

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all
the day long.**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸**He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Gospel

Matthew 21:23-27

²³When {Jesus} entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-19; Philippians 3:4b-14;

Matthew 21:33-46

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Calendar for October 1-15, 2023

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
M/9		Columbus Day/Office Closed
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Bible Study
T/10	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/11	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.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Th/12	12 Noon	Middle School Bible Release Time

	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
5/14	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
5/15	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 & on WCSM 96.7 Radio*



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church! It is a gift to come together in worship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



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

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 Cecelia Houseworth, mother of Annie Falasco.

We welcome into the Family of God on Sunday, October 1, Marlee Mae Rose, by baptism, daughter of Tyler & Paige Rose.

The loose offering for the month of **October** each Wednesday & Sunday is earmarked to defray the shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Reminder for those who signed up: The 70 & Over Dinner will be held **Sunday, October 1**, in the auditorium, at 12 noon.

The Women will be holding elections for Vice-President and Treasurer for the Women's Board during services **today**. 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.

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.

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

Choir will start **Wednesday, October 11**, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Our **Annual Congregational meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 5, at 11:45 a.m., in the auditorium. Please plan to attend. A light lunch will be served.

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.

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

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	39 Week Budget	39 Week Income	Received 9/24
\$6,133--Current	\$233,187	\$214,946	\$3,505
\$290--NALC Offering	\$11,310	\$10,921	\$69

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*

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Thomas Grunden. Survivors are his wife Georgia and his children and their families; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Heather Glass and Alexander Grunden.

WATER a CHRISTIAN SYMBOL —

Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman's leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).

