

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

October 29, 2023  
8:00 a.m.

REFORMATION  
SUNDAY

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Setting 3

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**PRELUDE**

*A Mighty Fortress*

Cherwein

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**    *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*    #504

**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**

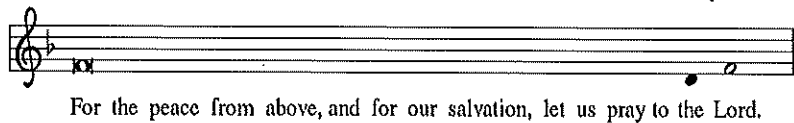
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life  
eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and  
the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our  
life, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE



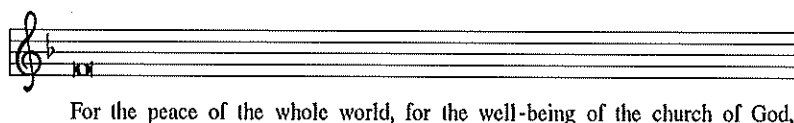
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



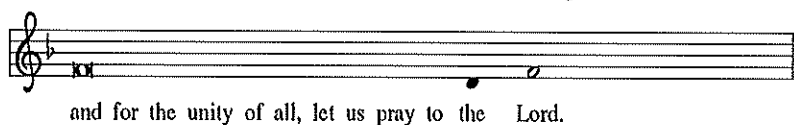
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



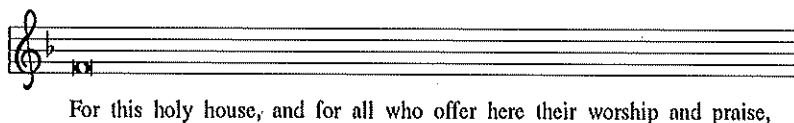
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



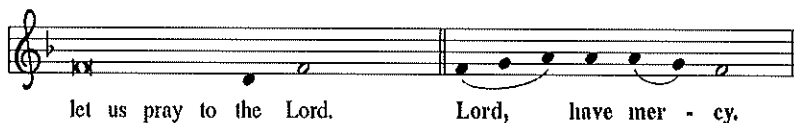
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



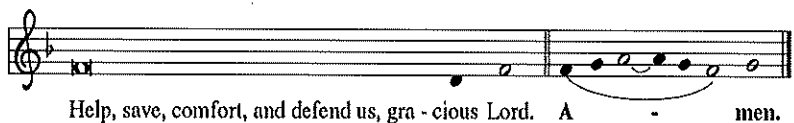
Lord, have mer - cy.



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**

**Revelation 14:6-7**

Insert

**PSALM 46**

Insert

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 3:19-28**

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 John the eighth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL**

**John 8:31-36**

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Bill

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

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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

*Do Not Despair Little Flock*

Smith

## 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.

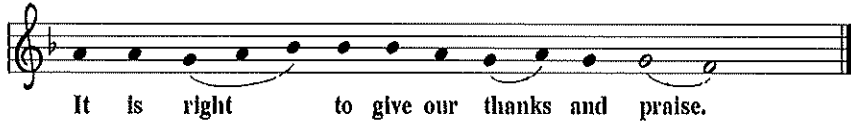
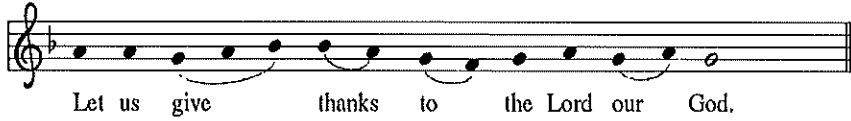
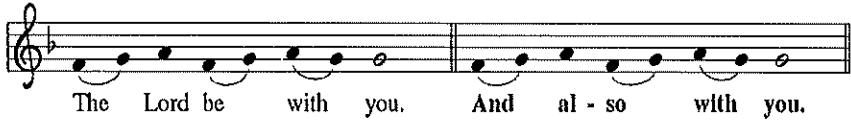
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**L:** 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



## 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

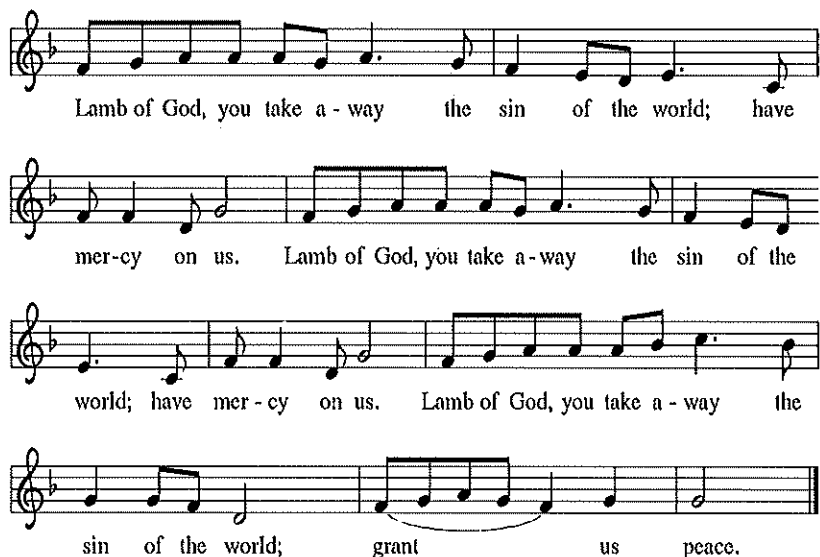
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

<i>"Now We Join in Celebration"</i>	#462
<i>"Bread of Life from Heaven"</i>	#474

### 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 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* #836

**DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

*Morning Fanfare*

Martin

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**Memory Verse**

**John 8:34**

*Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."*

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*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Darl Bishir's birthday on October 31<sup>st</sup> and to honor our youth who are being confirmed today.*

***Today, October 29\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Colton Ankerman  
10:30am: Cason Meinerding
- Communion Assistants:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster  
10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Bennett Glass  
10:30AM: Jake Ackroyd
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan & Brandy Yahl,  
Steve & Dora McAfee  
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Noah Torsell,  
Colton Ankerman, Braylon Lampert,  
Zoey Lampert
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Doug & Martha Stetler  
10:30am: Andrew & Lorra O'Bryan
- Greeters:** 8AM: Brandy & Ryan Yahl  
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8AM: Kathy Langsdon  
10:30: Jake Ackroyd

***Next Sunday, November 5\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Jessi Eberle  
10:30am: Zoey Lampert
- Communion Assistants:** 8AM: Chris White  
10:30AM: Ann Maki
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Calianna Bond Awls  
10:30AM: Allison Ankerman
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl  
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Dana Cook,  
Stanley & Debbie Brown

**Fellowship** 8AM: Nora & Harry Staunton  
**Table:** 10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem  
**Greeters:** 8AM: John & Amy Hesse  
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille  
**Readers:** 8AM: Betty Hussey  
10:30: Andrew O'Bryan

\* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE .....	Last Wednesday: 26
.....Sunday 8 a.m.:	47, 10:30 a.m.: 43, Total for the Day: 90
.....	Total for Day: 116
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## Calendar for October 29—November 12, 2023

S/29	8:00 a.m.	Reformation Worship*+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Reformation/Confirmation Worship*
M/30	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Bible Study
T/31	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/1	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
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Th/2	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/5	8:00 a.m.	All Saints' Sunday*+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bring a Friend
	10:30 a.m.	All Saints' Sunday*+
	11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
M/6	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Bible Study
T/7	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/8	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.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class



	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
T/9	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
F/10		Veterans' Day Observed/Office Closed
S/11	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/12	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Dessert/Appetizer Challenge

*\*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, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ann Morris, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Ronald Suchland, Don Diers, Linda Diers, Ruth Schreffler, Vicki Bishir, Emily Henkle, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Pastor Wilck, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Markham Hodge, Alan Bishir, Mike Kittle, Donna Maynard, caretakers of the sick, Martha Meyer, Adam, Barb, Family of John Bowsher, Family of Mike Rubin, and the people of Israel.

**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 Mike Rubin, father of Allison Brady, and to the Family of John Bowsher, grandfather of Brandy Yahl.

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

**The following students** will be confirmed today having completed all their confirmation requirements: Allison Ankerman, Calianna Bond-Awls, Grady Hughes, Makenna Meinerding and Megan Miller.

**Operation Christmas Child News:** National Collection week is Nov. 13-20, 2023 so it's time to pack the boxes. Shoeboxes are available to be picked up at the table in the Narthex **now until Sunday, November 5**. Please return fun filled, prayed for boxes by **Sunday, November 12**. Please remember to include a WOW gift, hygiene items, and school supplies and the \$10 donation for shipping. Boxes may also be packed online at [samaritanpurse.org/buildonline](https://samaritanpurse.org/buildonline) for a cost of \$25. The signup sheet to work at our Drop off location is also on the table. See Dora or Steve McAfee for more information.

**Daylight Savings Time** ends on **Sunday, November 5**. Remember to set your clocks *back* 1 hour, before heading to bed the night before.

**The Congregational Meeting packets** are available on the table in the narthex. Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 5**, at 11:45 a.m., with a light lunch being served in the auditorium.

**Veterans' Day** will be observed on **Friday, November 10**, and the office will be closed.

**Date change: the Dessert & Appetizer challenge** will be held on **Sunday, November 12**, at 6 p.m., in the auditorium. Do you think your dessert or appetizer can win the golden spatula? Bring it and found out. Youth and adults are encouraged to participate. Not a baker or cook? Come, enjoy, and score the goodies. All are welcome.

**The 2024 Flower Chart** for the first 6 months 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.

**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	43 Week Budget	43 Week Income	Received 10/22
\$6,133--Current	\$263,719	\$237,748	\$6,407
\$290--NALC Offering	\$12,470	\$11,447	\$103

## Council Organization 2023

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