

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

November 19, 2023 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

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PRELUDE

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

Wagner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**GATHERING SONG** 

"How Long, O God"

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## 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.

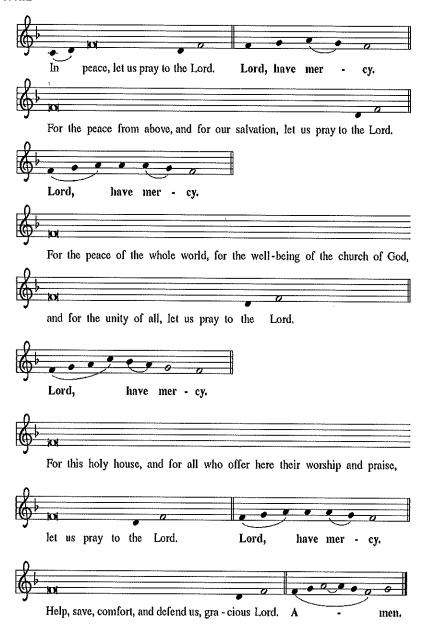
C: Amen.

#### 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.

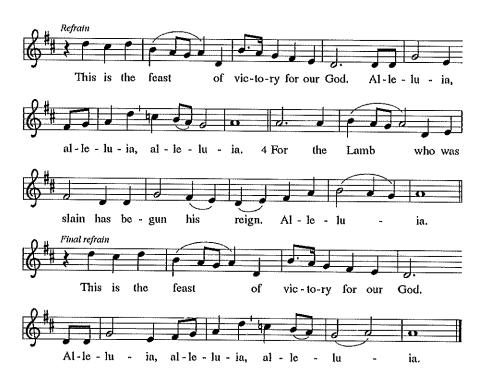
C: And also with you.

# **KYRIE**



#### CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Insert
PSALM 90:1-12

Insert
SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Insert

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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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.

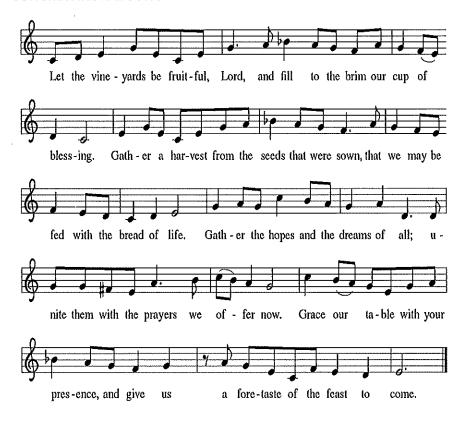
#### **OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

Morning Song

Powell

#### **CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

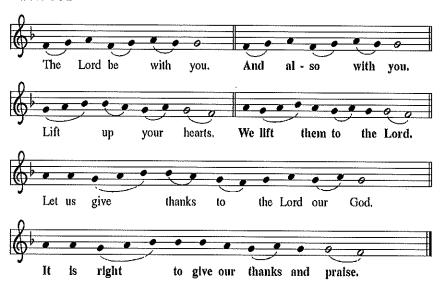


#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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**

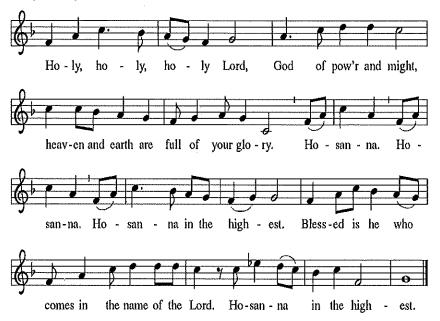


#### **PREFACE**

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



### 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.

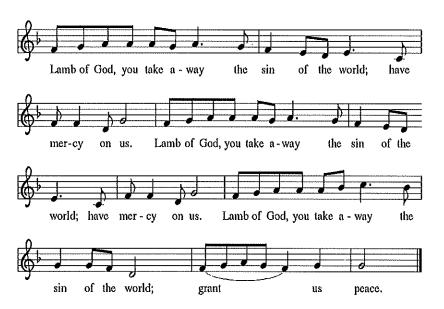
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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**



#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #632
"Bread of Life from Heaven" #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 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

#### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Rise and Rejoice

Ritter

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# **Memory Verse**

# 1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,...



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for all His blessings.

Flowers have been placed on the chancel in honor of Harry & Nora Staunton's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

# Today, November 19\*

Acolytes: 8AM: Jessi Eberle

10:30am: Cason Meinerding

Communion 8AM: John Hesse

Assistants: 10:30AM: Allison Ackroyd

**Crucifers:** 8AM: Genevieve Brown

10:30AM: Will Ross

Ushers: 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl

10:30AM: John & Amy Hesse,

Stanley & Debbie Brown

Fellowship 8AM: Doug & Martha Stetler

Table: 10:30am: Sandy Wierwille

**Greeters:** 8AM: Vic Von Blon, Becky Harvey

10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Joni Immenschuh

Readers: 8AM: Nora Staunton

10:30: Stephanie Ross

# Next Sunday, November 26\*

Acolytes: 8AM: Zoey Lampert

10:30am: Jessi Eberle

Communion 8AM: Jeanne Wurster

Assistants: 10:30AM: Dan Macklem

Crucifers: 8AM: Braylon Lampert

10:30AM: Megan Miller

**Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Doug Stetler,

Dora McAfee, Judy Schultz

10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Dana Cook,

Keith Fledderjohann, Sandy Wierwille

Fellowship 8AM: Joyce Ross

Table: 10:30am: Kathy & Craig Miller

Greeters: 8AM: Linda & Ed Yahl

10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Joni Immenschuh

**Readers:** 8AM: Vic Von Blon

10:30: Debbie Brown

\* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 30Sunday 8 a.m.: 50, 10:30 a.m.: 31, Total for the Day: 81
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Total for Day: 111
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# Calendar for November 19—December 3, 2023

S/19	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*/Thankful Offering
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*/Thankful Offering
	12 Noon	OCC Collection
	6:30 p.m.	Underground
M/20	8:00 a.m.	OCC Collection
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Court of Honor
T/21	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service at St.
		Marys Theater
W/22	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship*
Th/23		Thanksgiving/Office Closed
F/24		Office Closed
S/25	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys Tri-Squares
S/26	8:00 a.m.	Christ the King Sunday Worship*+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Game Day
	10:30 a.m.	Christ the King Sunday Worship*
M/27	12 Noon	Poinsettia Order Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/28	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/29	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
Th/30	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
F/1	7:00 p.m.	Shop Until You Drop at Walmart, Celina
S/2	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Program Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Decorating

S/3 8:00 a.m. Worship+\*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship\*

12 Noon Kathy Bishir's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

\*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, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ann Morris, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Ronald Suchland, Don Diers, Linda Diers, Ruth Schreffler, Vicki Bishir, Emily Henkle, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Markham Hodge, Alan Bishir, Mike Kittle, Donna Maynard, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Judy, Vicki Homan, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Carolynn Sidey, Sandi Minturn, Roberta Daugherty, Barb, Martha Meyer, Family of James Voisard 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.

**We invite you** to include in your prayers the marriage of Jacob & Lindsey Little who were married yesterday.

**Christian Sympathy** to the Family of James Voisard, brother to David Voisard.

From Mark Torsell, I am deeply grateful for your prayers, as they have brought me comfort and solace during this challenging time. Your prayers have filled me with strength and hope. Thank you for your unwavering support.

**Our loose offerings** today will go to human traffic services from the Women Helping Women Thankful Offering fund. *Our Thanksgiving eve service loose offering and canned goods will go to help the Auglaize County Crisis Center. The rest of the month of November loose offerings on Sunday/Wednesdays are earmarked to support Shop-Til-You-Drop.* 

**Today The Women's Thankful offering** is being collected for Crime Victim Services. Please mark the envelope offering "Crime Victims Services". Thank you for your generosity.

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the St. Marys Theater on Tuesday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be on Wednesday, November 22, at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary, with Holy Communion being served. We will be collecting canned goods. The canned goods and the loose offering will go to Auglaize County Crisis Center.

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Poinsettia Sale:** Check out the order blank in this bulletin to order. The order deadline is **Monday, November 27**, by 12 noon. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.

Decorating the Church: Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season, on Saturday, December 2, at 11:00 a.m. (time change) for

approximately 2 hours. Sign up on your "I Worshiped Today" or call the church office, 419-394-3115, to participate in decorating.

**Zion will be celebrating** Kathy Bishir's 40<sup>th</sup> work anniversary on **Sunday, December 3,** at 12 noon, with a dinner, held in the auditorium. All members and guests are invited. Mark your "I Worshiped Today" if you plan to attend. Sign up deadline is **Sunday, November 26.** 

Our Women's Annual Advent Breakfast will be Tuesday, December 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium. "The Perfect Gift" is the program. Please sign up on the "I Worshiped Today" or call the church office by Monday, November 27. Invite your friends and relatives to come celebrate Advent and enjoy Christian Fellowship with us.

All are welcome to participate in Zion's Annual Shop Til-You-Drop shopping spree at Walmart, on Friday, December 1. We invite everyone, adults, youth, and families, to meet inside Walmart, at 7 p.m., by the pharmacy entrance. If you are unable to attend this event, a barrel has been provided by the portico entrance, to bring in new, unwrapped, toys for needy children in our community. We do this in coordination with the "Toys for Tots" campaign by the Marines.

Reminder to parents: Sunday School Christmas Practices are Saturdays, December 2 & 9, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will go over lines on Sundays, December 3 & 10, during Sunday School.

Peace Came to Earth is our Advent Midweek series theme this year. These services will be held Wednesdays, December 6, 13 & 20, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Zion will host** the special community Grand Lake Hospice Healing Memories Candlelight Memorial Service, on **Thursday, December 7**, at 6 p.m., in the sanctuary. This is an evening that is set aside each year to remember those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. This service is meant to be a time to help us move toward Christmas seeking assurance and to be embraced by God's redeeming love. Anyone who wishes to honor a deceased loved one or friend is invited to attend and join in this special evening. If you have questions in regard to the Candlelight Service, please call Grand Lake Hospice at 419-394-7434.

There's just something I love about festive and fun wrapping paper. It always creates a sense of joyful anticipation. Let us wrap your Christmas Gifts, \$1 per package, on Saturday, December 9, in lounge, from 9—11 a.m.

**Come join us** on **Sunday, December 10,** at 6:30 p.m. as our Sunday School students sit around a campfire and share the story of our Savior's birth at our Christmas Program, *Light in the Darkness*. Enjoy listening to our choir and sing along to some Christmas hymns too.

**Cookie donations are needed!** Donations are needed for the Sunday School Christmas program on **Sunday, December 10** and the party on **Sunday, December 17**. Please leave in the kitchen marked either program or party. Thank you in advance!

**Goodfellows applications** are available on the table in the narthex. If you or someone you know could use a little help this Christmas, please pick up an application. Complete the application and mail to Goodfellows by **Monday, December 11**.

Coats for those in need will be given away at Agape until the end of February 2024. If you feel inclined to bring in coats to Agape

for One Warm Coat campaign, when dropping them off just tell them that they are for the one warm coat drive and they will go to the right building.

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	46 Week Budget	46 Week Income	Received 11/12
\$6,133Current	\$282,118	\$253,294	\$4,608
\$290NALC Offering	\$13,340	\$11,763	\$145

# **Council Organization 2023**

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President:	Neal Brady
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\*Chairperson

# Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28) November 19, 2023

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

#### -1 Thessalonians 5:11-

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. This little nursery rhyme has been around since the mid-1800s, and it is likely that most of us have heard it: Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. For any human being that has lived a minimum of three years of life, he/she knows that these words are anything but true! It's not too long after a youngster learns to talk in sentences that he/she discovers the power of words. Words can get us something we need. We say, "I'm hungry," to let someone know we need to eat. We can say, "I'm tired," to make others aware that we need to rest. And it doesn't take long before we learn how hurtful words can be to others.

I can vividly remember a moment when I was about four years old, and I was attending preschool. My brother is eleven months younger than me, so he and I attended preschool together. Of course, we were in separate classes because he was in the three-year-old class. However, there were times in the day when all the preschoolers would play together, especially when it was time for outdoor recreation. Now, I cannot remember the exact circumstances of the situation, but I remember overhearing a couple of kids getting frustrated with my brother because he wasn't doing something they wanted him to do or responding in a way the other kids wanted. I heard one boy shout, "Geez, you're so dumb!"

That boy directed those words towards my brother, and it made me mad! In a matter of seconds, tears filled my brother's eyes as he had been wounded by another's tongue. Words can hurt and cut deeply, but words can also build-up and encourage.

Paul urges the new Christians in Thessalonica to help one another grow spiritually by love. We are called to do the very same. May we use our words to build one another up, not tear one another down.

**Prayer:** Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have given us the gift of community. Help us, Lord, to speak words of love and encouragement to one another, so that we, too, can build one another up as Christian believers. We ask this in the name of your son Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord, amen.

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