

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

November 26, 2023
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

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PRELUDE *Rejoice the Lord Is King*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"* #634

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

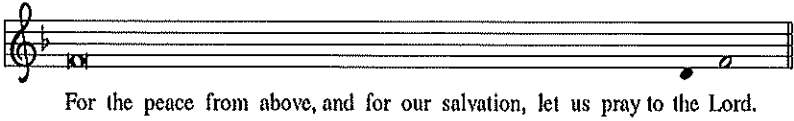
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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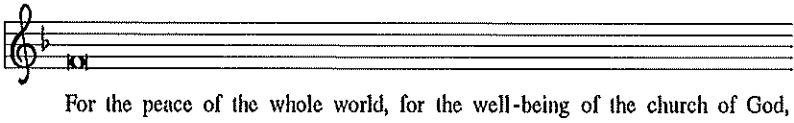
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



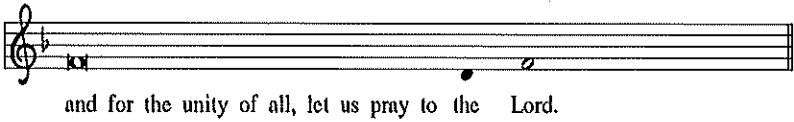
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



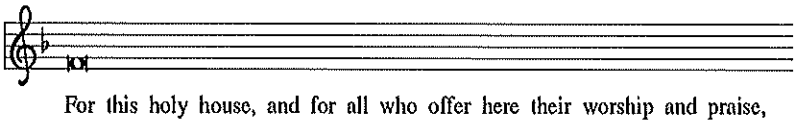
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



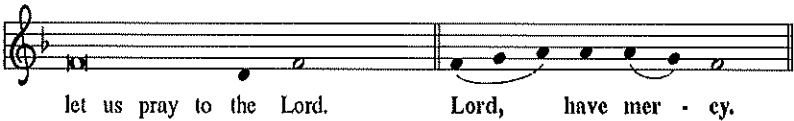
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



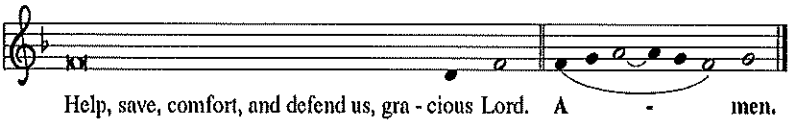
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

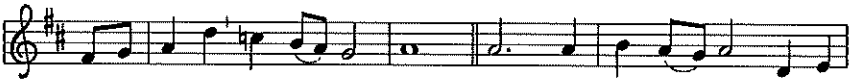


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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 34:11-16, 20-24

Insert

PSALM 95:1-7a

Insert

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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 Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Oh, Worship the King”*

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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 (8:00) *He Is Exalted* Zion Choir
(10:30) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Soloist: Bob Hinschlager

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



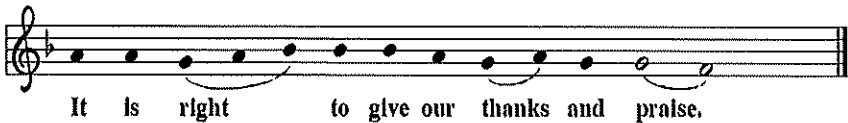
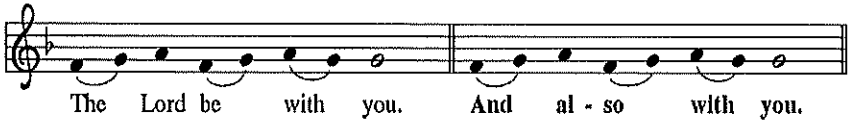
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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

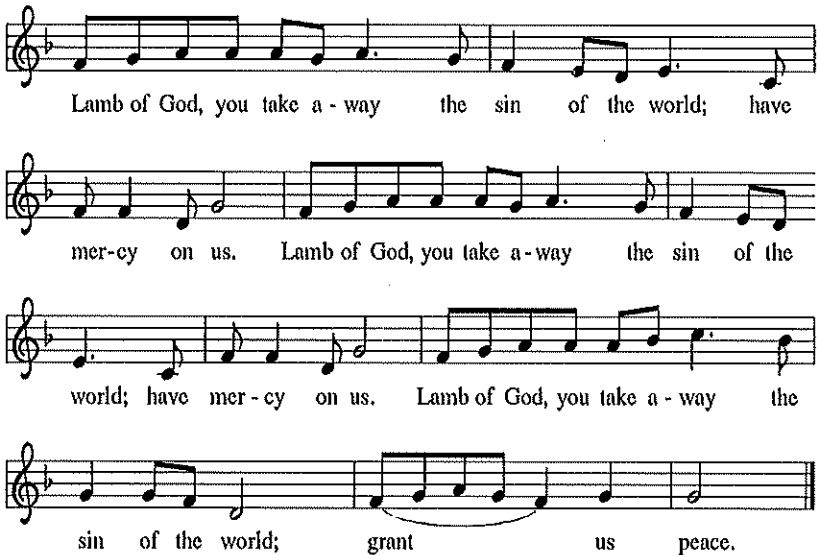
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

- "O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us"* #431
"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" #475

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 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* #855

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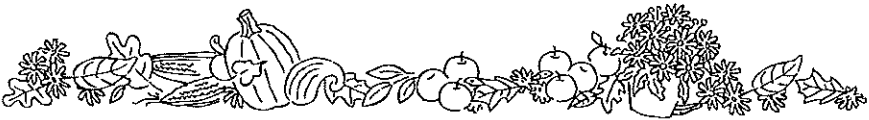
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Ovation

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Memory Verse

Ezekiel 34:16

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.



Happy Anniversary!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Harry & Nora Staunton's 50th Wedding Anniversary by their children.



Thank you!

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for all the Shoeboxes and everyone who helped with shoeboxes.

Today, 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

Next Sunday, December 3*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Hunter Coldiron
10:30am: Cason Meinerding
- Communion** 8AM: John Hesse
Assistants: 10:30AM: Darl Bishir
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Jacob Ackroyd
10:30AM: Makenna Meinerding
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza, and Zaila Yahl
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Stan & Debbie Brown,
Keith Fledderjohann
- Fellowship** 8AM: Ruth Ann Merriman
Table: 10:30am: Lorra & Andrew O'Bryan
- Greeters:** 8AM: Becky Harvey, Sandy Wierwille
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8AM: Linda Decker
10:30: Ruth Hoenie

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday: 29
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 48, 10:30 a.m.: 50, Total for the Day: 98	
.....	Total for Day: 127
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Calendar for November 26—December 10, 2023

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
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	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 th Anniversary Dinner
M/4	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
T/5	9:30 a.m.	Advent Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 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
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship*
Th/7	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
	6:00 p.m.	Community Candlelight Memorial Service
S/9	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Creative Crafters Christmas Wrapping
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Program Rehearsal

S/10 8:00 a.m. Worship+
9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program
**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, Alan Bishir, Mike Kittle, Donna Maynard, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Judy, Vicki Homan, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Carolynn Sidey, Markham Hodge, Forrest Cooper, Janet, Mark Torsell, Michael Gardner, Roberta Daugherty, Barb, Adam, 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.

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

Thank you to everyone who contributed, donated or packed boxes for Zion to collect 464 shoeboxes. Thank you to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly at our drop off location this year to cartonize 3136 shoeboxes. Our eight county Lima Area Team collected 25,514 boxes during National Collection Week. Please continue to pray for the safe shipping to many countries where

events are being planned so children will receive them and learn about Jesus.

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 each Wednesday and Sunday for the month of November are earmarked to support Shop-Til-You-Drop. * *Loose plate went to human traffic services from the Women Helping Women Thankful Offering fund on the third Wednesday/Sunday. Our Thanksgiving eve service loose offering and canned went to help the Auglaize County Crisis Center.*

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.

Help Needed! 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 40th 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 **today**.

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.

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."*--Bill Vaughan* 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**.

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	47 Week Budget	47 Week Income	Received 11/19
\$6,133--Current	\$288,251	\$259,403	\$6,109
\$290--NALC Offering	\$13,630	\$11,893	\$130