



Zion Lutheran Church
210 North Wayne Street
Saint Mary, Ohio 45885

December 3, 2023
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 10

PRELUDE *The Advent Chorale*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" #242

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTNING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P The days are coming, says the Lord, when God's promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (Jeremiah 33:14)

C Amen.

P The Lord proclaimed, "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me." Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected. (Malachi 3:1)

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.

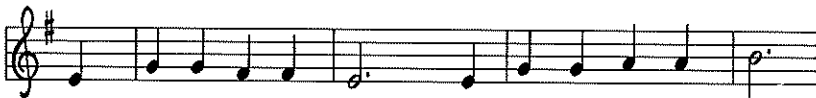
- P In the mercy of almighty God,
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of
 Christ, and by his authority,
 I therefore declare to you
 the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father,
 and of the + Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit
- C Amen.

GREETING

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for whom we wait, the
 love of the Father who will never let us go, and the peace
 of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

KYRIE

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our soi - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
 and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Insert

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

Insert

PSALM 80:1-7

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The holy gospel according to Saint Mark the thirteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!"* #246

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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

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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

Gentle Shepherd

Gaither

*Christ
IS Coming!*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN

#182



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

L Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, 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.

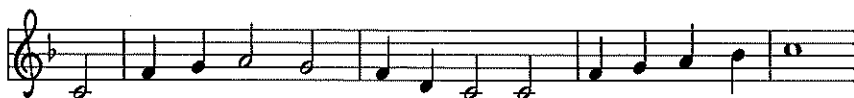
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness
of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"O Bread of Life from Heaven" #480

"I Come with Joy" #482

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood —that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P As you go from this place, remember that with God, nothing is impossible. May God the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit go before you, beside you, and with you wherever you go. (Luke 1:37)

C Amen.

SENDING

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

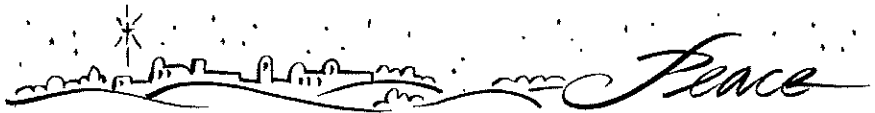
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Are Telling

Beethoven

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Memory Verse

Isaiah 64:4

From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Suzie Ankerman to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.



Happy
Anniversary!

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Kathy Bishir's 40th Anniversary here at Zion as our Office Manager.



The baby rose is in honor of the birth of a
daughter, Aria Mae
to
Abby & Coty Pendergraft

THE BABY ROSE

We recognize God's miracle of life as we place the Baby Rose on our altar and remember the family in prayer.

The Baby Rose begins life as a small bud, gradually unfolds and grows to a beautiful flower, ever looking upward to the Lord. May the life of this child grow in the Lord, so that love and faith may be evident to all who come near the child. May the rose remind the parents that although God has given them this child, it is not theirs to keep, but theirs to love, nurture, and teach until the Lord calls that life home to Him.

Today, 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: Sandy Wierwille
- Greeters:** 8AM: Becky Harvey, Sandy Wierwille
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8AM: Linda Decker
10:30: Ruth Hoenie

Next Sunday, December 10*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Zoey Lampert
10:30am: Jessi Eberle
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jody Slemmons, Dora McAfee,
Bob Hinschlager, Doug Stetler
10:30AM: John & Amy Hesse, Sandy Wierwille,
Dan Macklem
- Fellowship** 8AM: Becky Harvey
Table: 10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
- Greeters:** 8AM: Brandy & Ryan Yahl
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Doris Cook
10:30: Dwayne Hoenie

*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday: 79
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 50, 10:30 a.m.: 38, Total for the Day: 88	
.....	Total for the Week: 167
PIANIST	Miriam Johns
DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION	
.....	Mindy Thiebeau, zionbpe@gmail.com
CONGREGATION PRESIDENT.....	Neal Brady
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OFFICE ASSISTANT	Ann Maki, annmmaki@yahoo.com
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PASTOR.....	William Maki, wllmmaki@yahoo.com
MINISTERS	All Members of Zion
CHURCH WEBSITE	www.zionstmarys.org
CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

Calendar for December 3-17, 2023

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
M/11	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/12	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Bible Study
W/13	9:30 a.m.	Women's Board Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline4
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Service
Th/14	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
	2:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Bible Study
F/15	3:30 p.m.	January Newsletter Article Deadline
S/17	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Party
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium In Use
	6:30 p.m.	The Underground

**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, Dana Kittle, Vicki Homan, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Carolynn Sidey, Markham Hodge, Forrest Cooper, Janet, Mark Torsell, Michael Gardner, Barb, Adam, Eden Tangeman, 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.

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.

Our loose offerings each Wednesday and Sunday for the month of December are earmarked to support the Institute of Lutheran Theology. The Institute of Lutheran Theology is a private Lutheran seminary in Brookings, South Dakota. It provides distance education online and at its campus in Brookings. The institution is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). ILT operates as a school which grants certificates and degrees to students who complete their studies with the school. It does not ordain graduates; that is left to the synods and associations which accept their graduates. *The loose plate offerings for Christmas Eve will go toward Zion's current expenses.*

A reminder to those who signed up: Zion will be celebrating Kathy Bishir's 40th work anniversary **today**, at 12 noon, with a dinner, held in the auditorium.

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.

Reminder to parents: The Remaining Sunday School Christmas Practice is **Saturday, December 9**, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will go over lines on **Sunday, December 10**, during Sunday School.

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**.

Date Change: The Wednesday Night Monthly Bible Study on the Holy Spirit will be moved to **Tuesday, December 12**, for this month.

Toys for Tots box will be in the portico until **Monday, December 18**. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at any time during that period.

Women's Fellowship will resume on Monday, January 8, 2024. A new study will begin; *The Life of Martin Luther, An Historical Journey and Bible Study*, by the Rev. Steven E. King. All

women of Zion are welcome to attend! Please notify the church office by **Tuesday, December 26**, if you wish to attend and to order a study guide. Cost is \$13 for the study guide. Contact Pam Fledderjohann if you have any questions, 419-953-2334.

The Fellowship Table could use more people on the schedule (especially for the late service). If you are able to help with this ministry, please mark your "I Worshiped Today". Treats do not need to be homemade. Ask questions, talk to Sandy Wierwille.

Birthday Bags: The women are once again putting together Birthday Bags for Agape. We will be collecting box cake mixes and frosting for 30 bags (a month's supply for Agape's food recipients). Please place your donations in the tub by the elevator. This is one of our local community projects. Thank you for participating. We will be putting bags together in January at our workday.

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	48 Week Budget	48 Week Income	Received 11/26
\$6,133--Current	\$294,384	\$264,691	\$5,288
\$290--NALC Offering	\$13,920	\$71,978	\$85