



Second Sunday of Advent

Zion Lutheran Church
210 North Wayne St.
St. Marys, OH 45885

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

Setting 10

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Axman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!"* #246

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Page 94

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

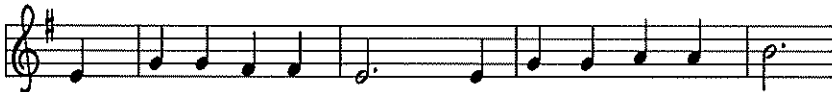
C Amen.

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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - 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 40:1-11

Insert

PSALM 85

Insert

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

Insert

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #249*

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

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.

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

Mary, Did You Know

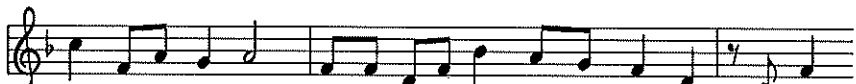
Lowry & Greene

OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN


#186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

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.

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

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

#244

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

The Advent of Our God

Williams



Memory Verse:

Mark 1:8

I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mindy Henline.



Happy Birthday Dora!

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Dora (Menchhofer) McAfee's special birthday on December 12, this year. They are given by her husband, Steve.



Anniversary Flowers have been placed on the chancel in honor of Ed & Judy Flora's 61st Wedding Anniversary on December 8th.

Today, 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

Next Sunday, December 17*

Acolytes: 8AM: Noah Torsell
10:30am: Maylee Fischbach
Communion 8AM: Jody Slemmons
Assistants: 10:30AM: Ann Maki
Crucifer: 8AM: New Schedule Out Soon
10:30AM: New Schedule Out Soon
Ushers: 8AM: Rhonda Weaver, Jeanne Wurster,
Doug Stetler, Deb Henning
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie,
Mark & Connie Torsell, Dana Cook
Fellowship 8AM: Jody & Marilyn Slemmons
Table: 10:30am: Stanley & Debbie Brown
Greeters: 8AM: Amy & John Hesse
10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie
Readers: 8AM: Linda Yahl
10:30AM: Debbie Brown

*Correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 33
 Sunday 8 a.m.: 52, 10:30 a.m.: 51, Total for the Day: 103
 Total for the Week: 136
 PIANISTMiriam Johns
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 CHURCH OFFICE.....419-394-3115

Calendar for December 10-24, 2023

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
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline ⁴
	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
T/19	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/20	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline ⁴
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Service*
Th/21	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/24	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		No Sunday School
		No 10:30 a.m. Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship*

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship*

*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, 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, Jamie, Sharon Lhaman, Family of Sandy Minturn, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Bob Hinschlager, Bob Suchland, Eden Tangeman, Barb, Adam, Don 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.

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. For more information on this Institute, check out the December newsletter. *The loose plate offerings for Christmas Eve will go toward Zion's current expenses.*

Thank you to everyone who has supported me and made the 40 years here special to me. Thanks to each of you for your gift of

friendship and kindness. Also, thanks to all who attended the recognition dinner, planned the dinner and made the day special. Thank you for the cards, gifts and greetings. –Kathy

Our annual Shop-Til-You Drop shopping spree at Walmart, Celina, was held last weekend. We collected \$2,500 to spend for gifts for the children in our area, who may not receive presents this year. We were able to purchase 204 toys for the annual Marine Corps, Toys for Tots. Goodfellows in our community will wrap and distribute the toys by Christmas Eve.

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

Come join us tonight, 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.

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.

Reminder! There will be no Sunday School on **Sunday, December 24** or **Sunday, December 31**.

We will not have a second service on Sunday morning, **December 24** (only the 8 a.m. service).

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight worship services will be held on **Sunday, December 24**, in the Sanctuary, at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Holy Communion will be served at each service. We invite you to bring your family and friends with you to worship.

The church office will be closed on **Monday, December 25**, and **Monday, January 1**.

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. If you have any questions, speak 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. Upcoming dates: **January 7, 14, 21 & 28.**

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	49 Week Budget	49 Week Income	Received 12/4
\$6,133--Current	\$300,517	\$270,562	\$5,871
\$290--NALC Offering	\$14,210	\$12,081	\$103

Council Organization 2023

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