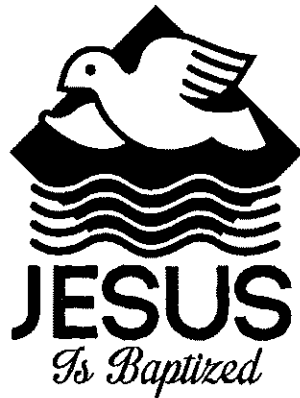


Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne St.
St. Marys, OH 45885

January 7, 2024
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Setting 10



PRELUDE

We Three Kings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"We Three Kings"

Insert

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.

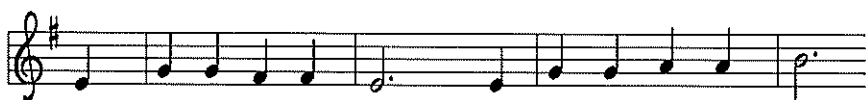
GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion 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 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!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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- 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

Genesis 1:1-5

Insert

PSALM 29

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1-11

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 1:4-11

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

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RECOGNITION OF 2023 COUNCILS

P: We are truly grateful for each member who has served on our congregation council. We recognize their gift of service as follows:

Councils Officers/Council Members

Kathy Lampert, completed her four-year term as member of Board of Elder, 2020 to 2023

Kurt Rodeheffer, completed his four-year term as member of Board of Trustee, 2020 to 2023

Jeanne Wurster, completed her four-year term as member of Board of Deacon, 2020 to 2023
Chairperson of Deacons 2021—2023
Secretary to Council, 2022—2023

Kerri Hughes, completed her two-year term as member of Board of Parish Education, 2022—2023

Pete Ackroyd, completed his six-year term as member of Council-At-Large, 2018—2023
Assistant Treasurer, 2018—2023
Treasurer, 2019—2022

Andrew O'Bryan, served on Council-At-Large for 3 years, 2021—2023
Assistant Treasurer, 2022-2023

Pam Fledderjohann
Women's Council Vice-President, 2022—2023
Women's Council Co-Advisor, 2021
Women's Council Secretary for 10 years

Ruth Hoenie
Women's Council Treasurer, 2020-2023

Emily Meinerding

October 21, 2023, Emily celebrated her (5) year anniversary as an employee of Zion Lutheran Church as Custodian.

Kathy Bishir

December 10, 2023, Kathy celebrated her (40) year anniversary as an employee of Zion Lutheran Church as Church Secretary/Office Manager.

INSTALLATION OF 2024 COUNCILS

(please come to the communion rail when your name is called and face the altar)

P The following persons have been elected to the congregation to positions of leadership. They are asked to come forward as their name and office are read:

Neal Brady, Congregation President

Darl Bishir, Elder

Kathy Miller, Elder

Brandy Yahl, Elder

Eric Langsdon, Trustee

Ed Flora, Trustee

Jeremy Houser, Trustee

Dana Cook, Trustee

Dan Macklem, Deacon

Rhonda Weaver, Deacon

Dianne Uhlenhake, Deacon

Deb Henning, Deacon

Ryan Yahl, Deacon

John Hesse, Deacon

Jody Slemmons, Deacon
Judy Schultz, Deacon
Dwayne Hoenie, Deacon
Alexa Coldiron, Board of Parish Education
Sandy Wierwille, Board of Parish Education
Ann Maki, Board of Parish Education
Kerri Masonbrink, Board of Parish Education
Dwight Schramm, Council-at-Large
Melanie Rose, Council-at-Large
Cheryl Macklem, Council-at-Large
Doug Stetler, Council-at-Large
Stan Brown, Council-at-Large
Thelma Kellermeier, Council-at-Large
Doris Cook, Member to Trust Fund
Rick Green, Member to Trust Fund
Bill Kellermeier, Member to Trust Fund
Darl Bishir, Member to Trust Fund
Marion Slater, Member to Trust Fund

Chair of Women of NALC, Nora Staunton
Vice-Chair of Women of NALC, Rhonda Weaver
Secretary of Women of NALC, Sandy Wierwille
Treasurer of Women of NALC, Dianne Uhlenhake
Spiritual Growth of Women of NALC, Rebecca Harvey
Mission Community of Women of NALC, Chris White
Mission Action of Women of NALC, Chris White
Advisor of Women of NALC, Linda Yahl
Flower Ministry of Women of NALC, Jeanne Wurster

Kitchen Ministry of Women of NALC, Kathy Bishir
Family Care Ministry of Women of NALC, Doris Cook
Family Care Ministry of Women of NALC, Rebecca Harvey
Prayer Shawl Ministry of Women of NALC, Kathy Bishir
Altar Guild Ministry of Women of NALC, Cheryl Macklem
Cards to Shut-Ins Ministry of Women of NALC, Cheryl
Macklem

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

Adante Sostenuto

Lau

OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. 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.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for your tender mercies and for all that you have so faithfully provided for us. May our gifts be a sign of our love toward you and our desire to do your holy will. In Jesus' name we pray.

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. By the leading of star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the 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.

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 Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have fed and refreshed us with this Holy Sacrament. Strengthen us in faith and fervent love toward one another, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whose body and blood we have humbly received.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Go with the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and may the Light of God's Word ever shine within your hearts and lives so that his holy name is praised throughout the world.

C Amen.

SENDING

"Brightest and Best of the Stars"

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Let your light shine!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Prince Rupert March

Blake

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Memory Verse:

Romans 6:3

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Altar Flowers

These upcoming dates are still open for the flower chart: **January 14 & 21** and **February 4**. The Flower Chart 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.

Today January 7*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Cason Meinerding
10:30am: Colton Ankerman
- Communion** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster
Assistants: 10:30AM: Allison Ackoyd
- Crucifer:** 8AM: Makenna Meinerding
10:30AM: Genevieve Brown
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl
10:30AM: Dan Macklem,
Stanley & Debbie Brown, Dana Cook
- Fellowship** 8AM: Nora & Harry Staunton
Table: 10:30am: Kathy & Craig Miller

Greeters: 8AM: Nora Staunton, Sandy Wierwille
 10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille
Readers: 8AM: Kathy Langsdon
 10:30AM: Debbie Brown

Next Sunday, January 14*

Acolytes: 8AM: Jessi Eberle
 10:30am: Zoey Lampert
Ushers: 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Doug Stetler,
 Chris White, Deb Henning
 10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie,
 Mark & Connie Torsell, Darl Bishir
Fellowship Table: 8AM: Deb Henning
 10:30am: Sandy Wierwille
Greeters: 8AM: Sandy Wierwille, Judy Schultz
 10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille
Readers: 8AM: Nora Staunton
 10:30: Ruth Hoenie

*Correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE	No Service Last Wednesday
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 52, 10:30 a.m.: 37, Total for the Day: 89	
DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION.....	
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MINISTERS	All Members of Zion
CHURCH WEBSITE.....	www.zionstmarys.org
CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

Calendar for January 7-21, 2024

S/7	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*/Recognition of 2023 & Installation of 2024 Councils
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*/Recognition of 2023 & Installation of 2024 Councils
M/8	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
T/9	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/10	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Bible Study
Th/11	12 Noon	Middle School Bible Release Time
	2:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Bible Study
S/13	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/14	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Crafters
M/15		Martin Luther King Jr. Day/Office Closed
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/16	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
	4:30 p.m.	Annual Report Deadline
W/17	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship

Th/18	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	12 p.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/21	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	6:30 p.m.	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, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ann Morris, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Ronald Suchland, Don Diers, Linda Diers, Vicki Bishir, Emily Henkle, Vicki Homan, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Markham Hodge, Forrest Cooper, Mark Torsell, Michael Gardner, Jamie, Sharon Lhaman, Family of Sandy Minturn, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Bob Hinschlager, Bob Suchland, Janet, Analisa Bouscaren, Alan Bishir, Virginia Loyer, Donna Maynard, Eden Tangeman, Family of Carolynn Sidey, Family of Alma Kuffner 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.

I wish to thank everyone for their remembrances' and gifts at Christmas. I appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness.

Merilee Miller

A thank You from Pastor Bill, Ann Maki, and Kathy Bishir for the Christmas gifts and greeting cards we received. We wish you all a blessed New Year.

Thank you to the choir for all their hard work during the fall and winter choir season. And, we will look forward to choir starting on the 8th of February, and hearing them sing again.

Christian sympathy to the Family of Alma Kuffner.

Our loose offerings each Wednesday and Sunday for the month of January are earmarked for Pre-Born. Their mission is to glorify Jesus Christ by leading and equipping pregnancy clinics to save more babies and souls.

Snow Removal: Volunteers are needed to help with snow removal especially on Sundays and Wednesdays. Let the church office know (419/394-3115) or talk to Dana Cook, trustee, if you are able to help out.

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 contact the church office if you wish to attend and to obtain a study guide. Contact Pam Fledderjohann if you have any questions, 419-953-2334.

The Women's January council meeting has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, January 9**, at 2 p.m.

Would you like to Read? We will be having a new reader schedule coming out. If you would like to be a reader, please mark your "I Worshiped Today" and the service you would like to read at by **Sunday, January 14**.

Learn how to make a window draft stopper or a door draft stopper. This easy draft blocker will guard your home against

drafts. Join us on **Sunday, January 14**, at 1:30 p.m. Sign up so that supplies are available for everyone. The fee will be \$5.

The office will also be closed on **Monday, January 15**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Birthday Bags: The women have received enough cake mix and frosting for their Birthday Bags for Agape. They will be putting bags together at our next workday, on **Thursday, January 18**, at 9 a.m.

Pastor Led Bible Study will resume on **Monday, January 22**, at 7 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. They will be discussing the scary parts of Revelation. After that study, they will be studying Ezra & Nehemiah. All are welcome to this Bible Study.

BUILD A BIRD FEEDER! Our feathered neighbors appreciate a reliable food source and they are fun to watch.

The Zion Men's Workshop is again offering a basic wood construction project for ANYONE interested, young and not-so-young. In past years we've built bird houses and handy trays. This year we'll build simple bird feeders.

IT'S FREE! All materials needed (except the bird seed!) will be supplied including wood, instructions, tools, a FREE ruler, and handy helpers for as much coaching as you want. Please feel free to bring your own empty 64oz. juice bottle and cap but spare bottles will be available too.

IT'S FUN! Come join an informal afternoon of fun and building at 1:00 either **January 27 or 28**, in the ZMW shop in lower floor of the education building. Younger builders should be accompanied by an adult (who will also have fun!)

Please sign up at our display in the narthex so we can plan and be ready. Let's go build!!

Fish Fry: Friday, February 16, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium. Eat in or carry out. There will be all-you-can-eat fish. More details in future bulletins.

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	1 Week Budget	1 Week Income	Received 1/7
\$6,271--Current	\$6,271	\$3,102	\$3,102
\$290--NALC Offering	\$290	\$90	\$90