

Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne St.

St. Marys, OH 45885

January 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 10



PRELUDE *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Larson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* #798

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Page 94

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.

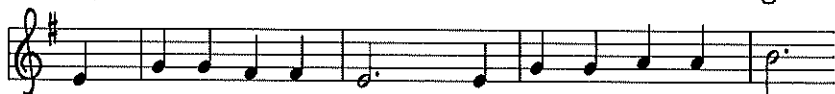
GREETING

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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Insert

PSALM 139:1-9

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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 John the first chapter.

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

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

#810

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

A Moment of Peace

Turner

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.

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.**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 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

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

#805

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Let your light shine!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

Berry

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Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 6:14

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of youth, children, and adults going back to school. May they be blessed with a successful school year. Given by Josie and Marion Slater.

Today, 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

Next Sunday, January 21*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Noah Torsell
10:30am: Cason Meinerding
- Communion** 8AM: Chris White
Assistants: 10:30AM: Ann Maki
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Megan Miller
10:30AM: Aiden Meinerding
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl
10:30AM: John & Amy Hesse,
Stanley & Debbie Brown
- Fellowship** 8AM: Joyce Ross
Table: 10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
- Greeters:** 8AM: Brandy & Ryan Yahl
10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie
- Readers:** 8AM: Nora Staunton
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie

*Correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday: 30
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 48, 10:30 a.m.: 50, Total for the Day: 98	
.....	Total for Week: 128
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 14-28, 2024

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
M/22	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/23	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/24	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.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Th/25	12 p.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/28	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	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, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ronald Suchland, Vicki Bishir, Emily Henkle, 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, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, 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.

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.

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.

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 today.

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. All-You-Can-Eat Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Hot Dogs, Beverages and Dessert is \$12. Child's Meal: macaroni and Cheese and Hot Dogs is \$5 Each (Age 4-10). Children 3 and under Are Free. Dine-in or carry-out meals. Tickets are on sale in the church office.



On June 10, 1849 a group of German immigrant men representing 30 families held a meeting to approve the by-laws creating the German Evangelical Protestant Congregation in St. Marys. They founded and formed the church that we know today as Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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	\$12,542	\$8,915	\$5,813
\$290--NALC Offering	\$580	\$140	\$50

Council Organization 2024

ORGANIZATION:

President Neal Brady

COUNCIL AT LARGE: *Thelma Kellermeyer, Cheryl Macklem, Doug Stetler, Melanie Rose, Dwight Schramm, & Stan Brown*

BOARD OF DEACONS: *Dianne Uhlenhake, John Hesse, Dan Macklem, Judy Schultz, Dwayne Hoenie, Ryan Yahl, Deb Henning, Jody Slemmons, & Rhonda Weaver*

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BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION: *Sandy Wierwille, Ann Maki, Kerri Masonbrink, & Alexa Coldiron*

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION DIRECTOR: *Mindy Thiebeau*

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: *TBD*

MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND: *Doris Cook, Darl Bishir, Marion Slater, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer*

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Second Sunday after the Epiphany - January 14, 2024

“Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

- Psalm 139:16 –

In his book “Restoring Your Spiritual Passion,” Gordon MacDonald writes about Paul’s need for friendship. “The apostle Paul was clearly a man committed to raising up a band of special friends. He knew who they were, and he regularly recognized them for their contribution to his spiritual passion. His friends were a resource upon which he obviously depended and without which he would not have survived.”

Though we may be blessed with many friends there are usually just a few that we consider our best friends. As someone once said, “A real friend is someone who walks in when everybody else walks out.” Our best friends will be honest when we need correction and will be present when we need comfort. They know us so well that they can almost read our minds and tell us what we are thinking. They will stop us from doing something stupid and encourage us to do the right thing. Even when we make a mistake, they are quick with forgiveness and slow to remember our faults.

It is a blessing to have friends who stand with us and help us through this life, but even those relationships are fragile. Childhood friends grow up with conflicting ambitions; we grow apart as we make different life choices. Families move to new places and promises of lifelong friendships get forgotten. Even the best of

friends can have an argument that creates irreparable damage to a relationship. We are human, and in our imperfection it doesn't take much to build walls that separate us forever.

There is one relationship, however, that will stand forever. God knows us better than anyone, and He loves us despite knowing even the hidden secrets of our hearts. He knew us before we were born and knows what we have not yet learned about ourselves. We cannot hide from Him. He created us and laid our path before us. He gives us His life and His Word so that we can live in this world. In faith we know that God will always be there for us whenever we need Him. He will guard and protect us; He will mold and guide us. We can trust Him because he is faithful. He is our best friend, and He has promised to be with us forever.

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