

Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne St.

St. Marys, OH 45885

January 21, 2024

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

Setting 10

He alone is my rock
and my salvation,
my stronghold...

Psalm 62:2a

PRELUDE

Chime Prelude

Porter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

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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.

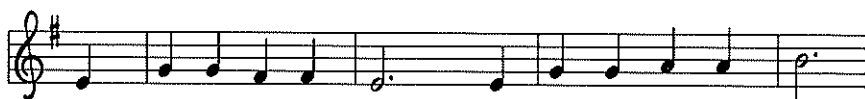
GREETING

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-lemn 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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Insert

PSALM 62

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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 1:14-20

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#789

NICENE CREED

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

My Song Is Love Unknown

OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN

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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.

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

"Thine the Amen"

#826

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

#777

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

"You Servants of God"

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Let your light shine!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Preludium

Boehm

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Memory Verse:

Jonah 3:10

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Ken Ankerman's birthday on January 27th by John & Donna Ankerman and Family.

Today 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

Next Sunday, January 28*

Acolytes: 8AM: Hunter Coldiron
 10:30am: Zoey Lampert

Ushers: 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Doug Stetler,
 Dora McAfee, Deb Henning
 10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Dana Cook,
 Keith Fledderjohann, Sandy Wierwille

Fellowship Table: 8AM: Ruth Ann Merriman
 10:30am: Stanley & Debbie Brown

Greeters: 8AM: John & Amy Hesse
 10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille

Readers: 8AM: Vic Von Blon
 10:30: Darl Bishir

*Correct as of time printed

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Calendar for January 21—February 4, 2024

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.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	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
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S/04	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Grandparents Day
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Crafters

**Holy Communion*

**Livestreamed on www.zionstmarys.org & on WCSM 96.7 Radio*



ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 27
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 40, 10:30 a.m.: 31, Total for the Day: 71
..... Total for Week: 98

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Nicole Nolan's birthday on January.22nd. Given by her parents, Deb & Gary Orr, and children.

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, Maria, Debra 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.

The 2023 financial statements are in the process of being mailed to each household. Please save these statements to file with your taxes for 2023.

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.

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!!

St. Paul's UCC is celebrating their 175th Anniversary this year. They will be hosting a concert on **Sunday, February 4**, at 3 p.m., in honor of their anniversary, which will be held in their sanctuary. All are welcome.

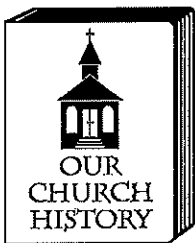
The Creative Crafters will meet on **Sunday, February 4**, at 1:30 p.m., to make a Valentine arrangement. Sign up in the binder provided. The fee will be \$15 (to include a chocolate bar).

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on **Wednesday, February 14**, at 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Fish Fry: Friday, February 16, from 4:30--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.

Lenten Schedule: Services will be held at 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary, on February 21 & 28, March 6, 13 & 20. Our Lenten Soup Suppers will be held at 5 p.m., in the Auditorium, on February 21 & 28, March 6, 13 & 20.

2024 is a Leap Year: A leap year is a calendar year that contains an additional day compared to a common year. The 366th day is added to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical year or seasonal year. That day is **Thursday, February 29th, 2024**.



Many of our local churches were formed around belief as well as heritage. If you were living in St. Marys in the 1880's and of Irish descent you would likely belong to St. Patrick Catholic Church on Glynnwood Rd. Our church was founded by German protestant immigrants hungry to practice their faith in their first language.

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	3 Week Budget	3 Week Income	Received 1/16
\$6,271--Current	18,813	9,832	4,019
\$290--NALC Offering	870	369	229



Council Organization 2024

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Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Third Sunday after the Epiphany - January 21, 2024

*“When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way,
God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them,
and he did not do it.”*

- Jonah 3:10 -

The Ninevites were enemies to the Jews and the two nations warred bitterly. In Jonah's mind, the acts against God's people were unforgivable, but God never sees sin that way. He is the God of the second chance, forgiving those who turn to Him in repentance. He did not desire destruction of the Ninevites; He desired their hearts. So, He called and sent Jonah to preach the truth of God's love to his enemies. Jonah knew God was merciful and kind, giving second chances even when it seems undeserved, but Jonah did not want to go; instead he ran in the other direction. He faced a storm, was swallowed by a great fish, prayed in thanksgiving for God's salvation, and was spit up three days later to act in obedience to God.

How often do we feel like Jonah, called to preach the Gospel to people we do not think deserve His grace? We would rather not take God's salvation to our enemies. But we are reminded that God knows the hearts of our enemies better than we do; though we do not think they deserve His grace, He desires their praise, too. God does give second chances, even to prophets who run from His work. Grace is the unmerited favor of God; He relents for those who repent. He was so willing to save the Ninevites that He sent someone to share his grace with them. How could they turn to God if they did not hear His Word?

We can find comfort in the story of Jonah because we all have moments when we would rather run from God's calling and go our own way. Christ did not just come for us; He came for all people. We are all sinners in need of a Savior. Jesus was born to shine the Light in the darkness, to pay the debt so that all people might have a second chance. Like He did for the Ninevites, our loving Father chooses to relent for those who repent. How can people repent if they have not heard the promise of God that was fulfilled in the life of Jesus Christ? He has called us to be like Jonah, to take His grace to our friends as well as our enemies and to share God's promises with those who might not seem to deserve a second chance.