

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.

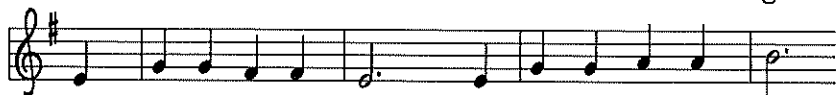
GREETING

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Insert

PSALM 111

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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 1:21-28

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

#685

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

Morning Prayer

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#733

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Let your light shine!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Lord of All Life

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Memory Verse:

Psalm 111:10

*¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his
praise endures forever.*



*Happy Birthday
Teresa and Terry!*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Teresa Roode's and her twin, Terry Lukac's birthday today, by Darl & Kathy Bishir.



Flowers have been placed on the chancel in honor of Gene & Anne Hines' 58th Wedding Anniversary today.

Today, 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

Next Sunday, February 4*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Colton Ankerman
10:30am: Maylee Fischbach
- Communion** 8AM: Jody Slemmons
Assistants: 10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Jacob Sharp
10:30AM: Bennett Glass
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Keith Fledderjohann,
Stanley & Debbie Brown
- Fellowship** 8AM: Becky Harvey
Table: 10:30am: Sandy Wierwille
- Greeters:** 8AM: Vic Von Blon, Becky Harvey
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
- Readers:** 8AM: Doris Cook
10:30AM: Darl Bishir

*Correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday: 19
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 42, 10:30 a.m.: 40, Total for the Day: 82	
.....	Total for Week: 101
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CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

Calendar for January 28—February 11, 2024

S/28	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
M/29	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/30	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/31	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Th/1	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/4	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Grandparents Day
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Crafters
M/5	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/6	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/7	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Th/8	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
	2:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Bible Study
S/10	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/11	8:00 a.m.	Transfiguration Sunday Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Jesus Loves Me Event
	10:30 a.m.	Transfiguration Sunday 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, Faith Williams, Don, Warren Hoenie, 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, Maria, Debra & Scott, John Robert Hiles, Markham Hodge, Bob Lehner, and Eden Tangeman.

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 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.

A thank you from Heidi Yahl for the Christmas gifts she received.

Operation Christmas Child News: Recently we learned that shoeboxes from Zion were shipped on December 23 to Burundi, Zambia, Honduras and Panama. If you followed your box you can track it at the Samaritan's Purse website using the same email used when you paid shipping. If anyone learns of additional countries for this year please notify the church office.

Grandparents Day is **February 4**. Please join your grandchildren in Sunday school that day!

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).

This Year, two churches in St. Marys (Zion being one of those churches) will be celebrating their 175th anniversary. One hundred seventy five years ago on a Sunday in June, the Lutheran and the E & R church met to worship together. As each church grew, they decided to have their own service and eventually their own building. St. Paul's UCC is presenting a concert to commemorate the occasion. The concert will take place in the sanctuary of St. Paul's UCC, 201 Perry St., **Sunday, February 4**, at 3 p.m. Several musicians from local churches (including Miriam Johns) will be performing as well as other community members. There will be selections from vocalists, keyboards and instruments. A free will offering will be taken to be added to their organ fund to restore the 1954 organ.

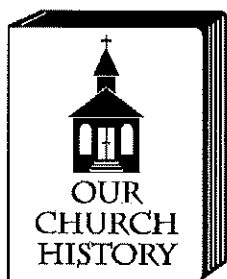
Choir Practice will start back up on **Wednesday, February 7**, at 7 p.m. in the choir loft. During lent the practices will be held at 6 p.m. All are welcomed to join.

The Jesus Loves Me event is on **Sunday, February 11** for grades PreK - 5 in the auditorium. See you there!

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, before those services.



Stand in the parking lot and gaze up at the church roof there you will see a globe, steeple and crown finial. This steeple was designed for the new sanctuary built in 1974. The crown represents Christ the King while the globe represents the mission field reminding us that we are called to "Go into all the world and Preach the gospel."

The 2023 financial statements has been mailed to each household. Please save these statements to file with your taxes for 2023.

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	4 Week Budget	4 Week Income	Received 1/21
\$6,271--Current	\$25,084	\$12,675	\$2,843
\$290--NALC Offering	\$1,160	\$434	\$65

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***Chairperson of the Board**

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - January 28, 2024

“Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.”

- Psalm 111:2 -

We all cringe when we watch those “man on the street” episodes where people can’t answer simple questions about important issues. They are usually much better at the trivia related to the entertainment industry than the facts about history. It is not really that surprising: celebrities are far more interesting than history. We cringe because we know that those who do not remember history are doomed to repeat it, but are we really any different?

Were we interested in learning history when our teachers were assigning lists of dates, names, and places for us to memorize? History does not seem relevant to us when we are young; it is old news that we memorize for a test and forget immediately. It is not until we get out in the world and we start to connect the stories of the past to what we see happening around us that we realize it is important and we begin to pay attention. History is not about memorizing names and dates; it is about the stories of the people who were there.

Sadly, many Christians have the same disinterest in the Old Testament. As children we learn bible stories in a way that holds our attention, with bright, colorful pictures and catchy little songs. Who among us hasn’t sung “Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones” sometime in our lives? As we grow older, however, we fail to move beyond that simple knowledge. We don’t pay attention to the details or see how God was working to move the world toward

His Son. The Old Testament stories help us see how much we truly needed a Savior.

What is the point of the light if we never understand how we were lost in the darkness? We must have more than a Sunday school understanding of the scriptures. God is who He says He is, He can do what He says He will do, and He has done that and more. He is worthy to be praised; the works of His hands are extraordinary, life saving, eternal. In the stories of God's works we see the power, mercy, and faithfulness on which we can trust. There is nothing trivial or irrelevant in that.

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