



*Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house  
and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

*Mark 1:35*



## Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne St.  
St. Marys, OH 45885

**February 4, 2024**

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

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**PRELUDE**      *O For a Heart to Praise My God*      Powell

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

*"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*      #843

### 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.**

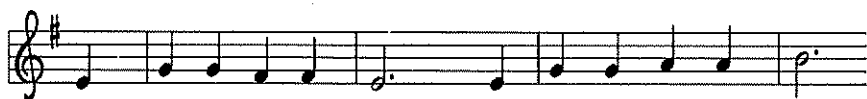
## GREETING

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-enn 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

Isaiah 40:21-31

Insert

PSALM 147:1-11

Insert

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

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 1:29-39

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P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"*

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## **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

*Blessed Are the Peacemakers*

Wolford

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:



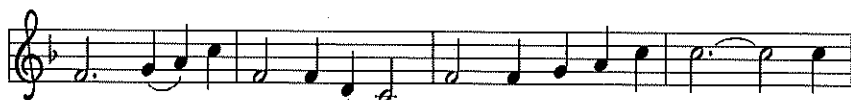




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



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

*"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

#789

*"What Feast of Love"*

#487

## 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

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

#661

## DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Let your light shine!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Faith Eternal*

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**Memory Verse:**

Mark 1:38

*And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out."*

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Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ruth!

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Ruth Langsdon's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 6<sup>th</sup>, by Mark & Kathy Langsdon.*

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***Today, 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

***Next Sunday, February 11\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Cason Meinerding  
10:30am: Jessi Eberle
- Communion** 8AM: Chris White  
**Assistants:** 10:30AM: Ann Maki
- Crucifers:** 8 AM: Jake Ackroyd  
10:30AM: Calianna Bond-Awls
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jody Slemmons, Doug Stetler,  
Jeanne Wurster, Dianne Uhlenhake  
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Sandy Wierwille,  
Dan Macklem, Dana Cook
- Fellowship** 8AM: Kraig & Miriam Johns  
**Table:** 10:30am: Kathy & Craig Miller
- Greeters:** 8AM: Ed & Linda Yahl  
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Steve McAfee  
10:30: Dan Macklem

\*Correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE .....	Last Wednesday: 34
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 37, 10:30 a.m.: 43, Total for the Day: 80	
.....Total for Week: 114	
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CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

## Calendar for February 4-18, 2024

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
	1:30 p.m.	Homebound Communion Meeting
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
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Bible Study
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*
M/12	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
T/13	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:45 p.m.	Trust Fund Meeting
W/14	9:30 a.m.	Women's Council Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Foot Washing

	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship*
Th/15	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
F/16	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
S/18	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Movie Day
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	6:30 p.m.	The Underground

*\*Holy Communion*

*\*Livestreamed on [www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org) & on WCSM 96.7 Radio*

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**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 Suchland, Janet, Analisa Bouscaren, Alan Bishir, Virginia Loyer, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Maria, Debra & Scott, John Robert Hiles, Markham Hodge, Bob Lehner, Ed Morris, 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 offering** each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of February is earmarked to support Boy Scout Troop #360, which Zion sponsors.

**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, at 9:15 a.m.!

**Tickets on sale:** There will be a table set up in the narthex for fish fry ticket sales on **Sunday, February 4** and **Sunday, February 11**, before church services. The fish fry is **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 also on sale in the church office.

**There is a meeting** in Zion's lounge for anyone who would like to help with home communion at 1:30 p.m. on **Sunday, February 4**.

**This Year**, two churches in St. Marys (Zion being one of those churches) will be celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> 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 commentate 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 welcome to join.

**The Wednesday night Holy Spirit Bible Study** will be moved up one week this month to **Wednesday, February 7**. Next month it will be on **Tuesday, March 12**.

**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.

**If you are providing** pies, cookies, desserts or cake for the fish fry on Friday, February 16, please have them in the kitchen by noon on **Thursday, February 15**. The set up and kitchen crew will start at 1 p.m. on February 16. If you can't remember your time slot see Nora Staunton.

**There will be a Movie Day** in the auditorium for PreK - 5 on **Sunday, February 18**.

**Promised Treasures** is our Midweek Lenten theme. Services will be held at 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary, on **February 21 & 28, March 6, 13 & 20**. Come and enjoy a Lenten Soup Supper starting at 5 p.m., in the Auditorium beforehand.

**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: **March 3, 24, & 31.**

## **Zion Lutheran Confirmand Reunions for 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- **March 3:** Classes 2010 through 2023
- **April 7:** Classes 2000 through 2009
- **June 2:** Classes 1980 through 1999
- **August 4:** Classes 1970 through 1979
- **October 6:** Classes 1950 through 1969

We are inviting the classes in these 10-year groups to be either at the 8 a.m. and/or the 10:30 a.m. services on their designated Sundays. Each will be recognized at the service.

At 9:15 a.m., after the 8:00 a.m. service, there will be a refreshments in the narthex to encourage fellowship among the confirmands and other members of Zion at that time.

**Candy donations are needed** for the Community Easter Egg Hunt and the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt by **Friday, March 9.** We have a group who will be filling the eggs on that day. We need *individually wrapped* candy that will fit in an egg with **NO PEANUT PRODUCTS.** Please leave your donations in the Sunday School box by the elevator and thank you in advance!

**Scholarships:** Seniors and current college students who are members of Zion are eligible for scholarships administered by the St. Marys Community Foundation. Apply online at: [www.theSMCF.org](http://www.theSMCF.org) Confirmed members eligibility requirements are the youth must attend worship at least 25 Sundays a year and

participate in the life of the church. Deadline is midnight, **March 10.**



**The 1916 Financial Report** for Zion Lutheran Church lists individual members' names, the amount subscribed and amount paid (money pledged and actual money donated) in support of the church that year. The highest individual amount was \$ 23.50, the lowest was \$ 1. The average annual amount paid per person was \$ 2.94.

**The 2023 financial statements** has been mailed to each household. Please save these statements to file with your taxes for 2023 by April 15!

**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.

<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>5 Week Budget</b>	<b>5 Week Income</b>	<b>Received 1/28</b>
\$6,271--Current	\$31,350	\$15,825	\$3,150
\$290--NALC Offering	\$1,450	\$445	\$120