



First
Sunday
in Lent

Zion Lutheran Church
210 North Wayne Street
St. Marys, OH 45885

February 18, 2024
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Hebble

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

#599

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In this season of Lent, let us draw near to the Lord and
examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we
have fallen short of the glory of God.

(Stand/Kneel)

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Insert

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-18

Insert

PSALM 25:1-10

Insert

SECOND READING

James 1:12-18

Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The holy gospel according to Saint Mark the first chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* #249

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

L: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

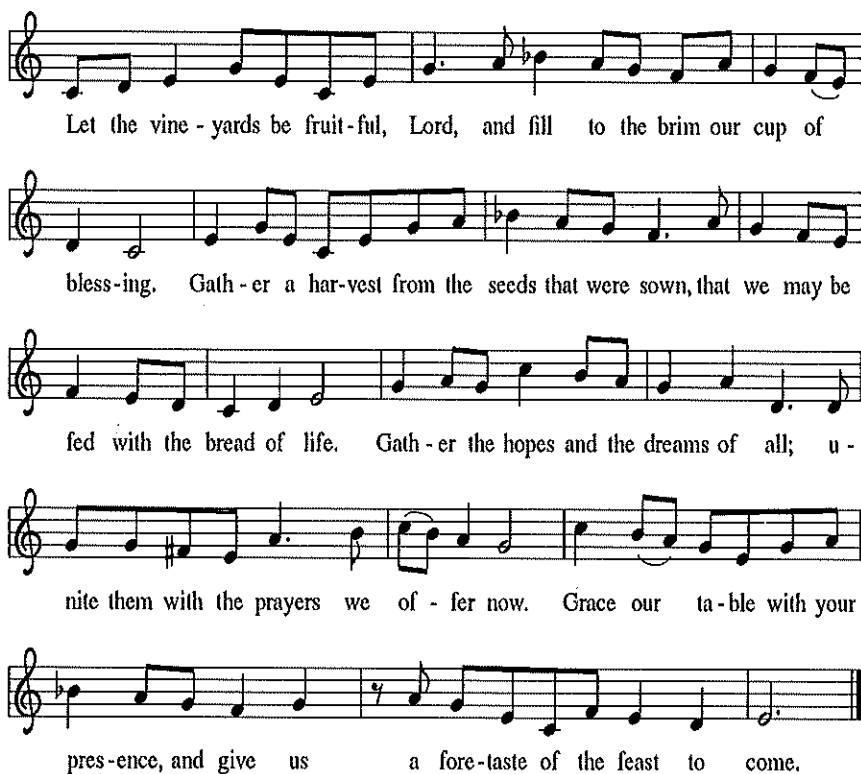
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 8:00 Zion Choir: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*
10:30 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

CONGREGATIONAL SONG



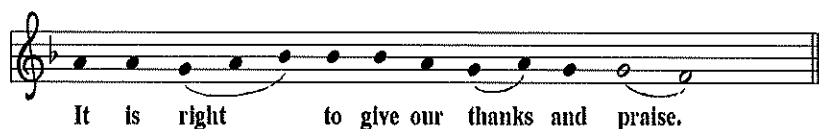
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of love, you have provided for our every need from your abundant bounty. Grant us grateful hearts that we may give generously to those in need and thereby show your love to the world around us.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE



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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

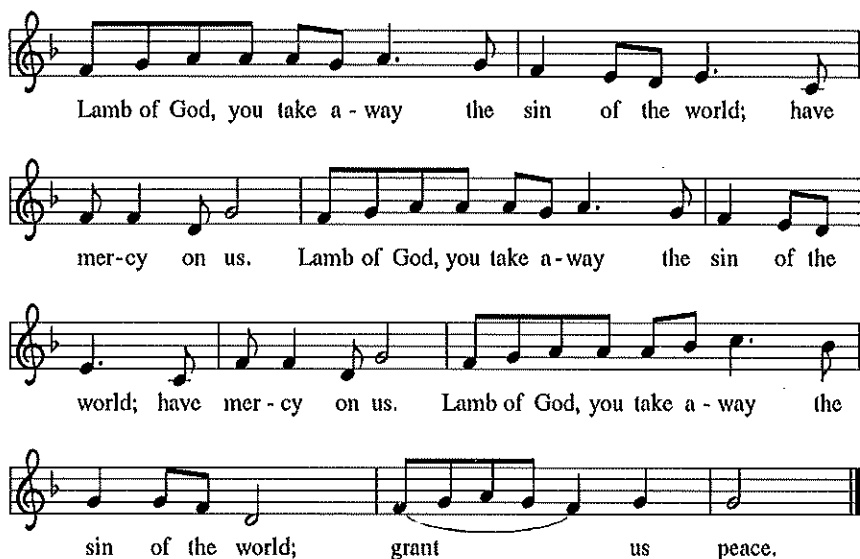
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

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.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
C Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #324
"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" #767

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have gifted us with the bread and wine of this holy meal; fed us with the body and blood of your Son, our Lord; forgiven us and wiped away the shame of our sins. Make us bold to go out in the world proclaiming your love and mercy so all may be fed with this Bread of Life.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Pray in the Spirit at all times so that you may discern the will of God. Keep alert as you walk in faith. Speak with the boldness of the apostles who came before you so that all might know the good news. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

#759

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Arise to New Life

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Memory Verse:

Genesis 22:8

Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Greg Weaver by Rhonda.

Today, February 18*

- Acolytes:** 8 AM: Colton Ankerman
10:30 AM: Maylee Fischbach
- Communion** 8 AM: Jody Slemmons
- Assistants:** 10:30 AM: Connie Torsell
- Crucifers:** 8 AM: Grady Hughes
10:30 AM: Will Ross

Ushers: 8 AM: Rhonda Weaver, Jeanne Wurster,
Doug Stetler, Chris White
10:30 AM: John Hesse, Darl Bishir, Dana Cook,
Mark & Connie Torsell

**Fellowship
Table:** 8 AM: Jody & Marilyn Slemmons
10:30 AM: Sandy Wierwille

Greeters: 8 AM: Chris White, Sandy Wierwille
10:30 AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie

Readers: 8 AM: Linda Yahl
10:30 AM: Jeremie Houser

Next Sunday, February 25*

Acolytes: 8 AM: Jessi Eberle
10:30 AM: Cason Meinerding

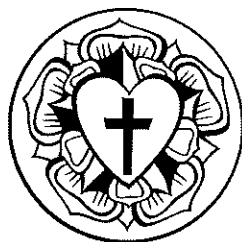
Ushers: 8 AM: Dianne Uhlenhake, Deb Henning,
Jody Slemmons, Jeanne Wurster
10:30 AM: Dan Macklem, Amy Hesse,
Keith Fledderjohann, Mark Torsell

**Fellowship
Table:** 8 AM: Pastor Bill & Ann Maki
10:30 AM: Dan & Cheryl Macklem

Greeters: 8 AM: Sandy Wierwille, Judy Schultz
10:30 AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille

Readers: 8 AM: Kathy Lampert
10:30 AM: Stanley Brown

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed



Zion Lutheran Church is a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). www.thenalc.org

ATTENDANCE	Last Wednesday: 28
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 49, 10:30 a.m.: 41, Total for the Day: 90	
.....	Total for Week: 118
DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION	
.....	Mindy Thiebeau, zionbpe@gmail.com
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PASTOR.....	William Maki, wllmmaki@yahoo.com
MINISTERS.....	All Members of Zion
CHURCH WEBSITE	www.zionstmarys.org
CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

Calendar for February 18—March 3, 2024

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
M/19		Presidents' Day/Office Closed
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
T/20	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	9:30 a.m.	Anniversary Meeting
W/21	11:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service
Th/22	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release
S/24	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys Tri-Squares
S/25	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
T/27	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/28	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Th/29	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release
S/3	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Donuts with Dad
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmand Reunion, 2010 – 2023
	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, Faith Williams, Don, Warren Hoenie, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Analisa Bouscaren, Alan Bishir, Virginia Loyer, Forrest Cooper, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Maria, Debra & Scott, John Robert Hiles, Markham Hodge, Ed Morris, Allie Gross, Margaret Miller, Donna Maynard, Ed Flora, Janet, Bill Fuller, Pete DiCesare, Bob Suchland, Vicki Homan, and Shirley Tangeman.

Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin, Kyle Schmehl and Wyatt Duncan 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.

The church office will be closed **Monday, February 19**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

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 & 31.**

Donuts with Dad returns on **Sunday, March 3.** Please join your children in Sunday School that day.

Zion Lutheran Confirmand Reunions for 175th 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 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.**

First Communion is for all baptized students, grade 3 and older, and/or whose parents believe them to be ready to receive the Sacrament. As the opportunity to fulfill the baptismal vow to bring your child to Lord's Supper, parent, godparent or guardian attendance for this hour and a half course is expected as well. This course will be held on **Saturday, March 16**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, March 21. Please RSVP to the church office by phone, 419-394-3115, or by a note on your "I Worship Today" form.

Check out the lily form included in this bulletin. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 17.**

The 175th Anniversary Committee is looking for a group of people to coordinate overseeing the development of a new picture directory. Contact the church office to volunteer, 419/394-3115.



In these 175 years of existence, Zion Lutheran Church has had 23 pastors beginning with Rev. Adolph Conradi who organized the church in 1849 continuing through to today with Rev. William Maki. Their periods of service range from two months by Pastor Conradi, whose death was to cut short his ministry, to Pastor Theodore Stellhorn who served this congregation for 31 years.

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. 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.

Electronic Giving is offered as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Please visit the church website at zionstmarys.org locate the donation link and follow the instructions. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

Weekly Budget	7 Week Budget	7 Week Income	Received 2/11
\$6,271--Current	\$43,897	\$28,091.68	\$2,653
\$290--NALC Offering	\$2,030	\$759	\$106

Council Organization 2024

ORGANIZATION:

President Neal Brady
Vice-President Cheryl Macklem
Secretary Sandy Wierwille
Assistant Melanie Rose
Treasurer Stanley Brown
Assistant Doug Stetler

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- **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** *Genevieve Brown*
- **MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND:** *Doris Cook, Darl Bishir, Marion Slater, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer*

**Chairperson of the Board*

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

First Sunday in Lent— February 18, 2024

“The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.”

- Mark 1:12 -

A joke to begin Lent: Satan was wandering around, bored out of his gills. The LORD said to Satan, “Go, do your job! Tempt people and make them sin.” Satan answered, “But that’s why I’m so bored. They sin without me and there’s nothing left for me to do!” There’s truth in that joke: we are quite capable of sinning without Satan’s help.

We begin Lent with this story of Jesus going through a process of self-discovery and preparation. It actually began when Jesus heard His Father’s voice confirm His identity at His baptism. He was then immediately led out into the wilderness to reflect on who He was and what He had to do. For forty days He was tempted by Satan. Jesus faced possibilities, the twisted expectations of Satan and the world. When the time of preparation was over, Jesus left the wilderness and began His work, strengthened, encouraged, and assured to follow the path God established for Him. In His wilderness journey, Jesus recognized His identity, reflected on His purpose and was then able to put it to work.

Satan is no joke, but Lent is a time for us to be reminded that we are constantly tempted away from God’s will. Today we are invited to set out with Jesus into our own wilderness, to discover who we are and to reflect upon our purpose. We tend to jump into action, both as individuals and as congregations, without really knowing what God intends for us. We fall for the twisted expectations of Satan and the world. How much better would it be if we followed Jesus, trusting in God as He reveals to us our own identity as children of God? Then we can go out with confidence and assurance, and do the work we have been called to do.

Jesus began and ended His ministry alone. The responsibility for the salvation of humankind rested on His shoulders alone; no one could share the weight of that burden. Jesus faced His wilderness temptations alone, but we don’t have to. Our Savior walks with us, He helps us, He gives us what we need. Our Lenten journey is not a test we must pass; the testing in the wilderness is that which builds faith, strength, courage, and assurance. As we walk with Jesus, He are never alone as we continue His Work in the world.