

Second  
  
**SUNDAY**  
IN LENT

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

February 25, 2024  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Setting 3

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**PRELUDE**

*Bring Us Back to Thee, O Lord*

Powell

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

#834

**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**

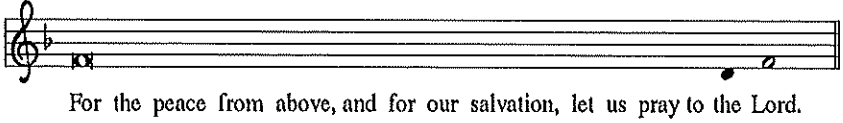
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

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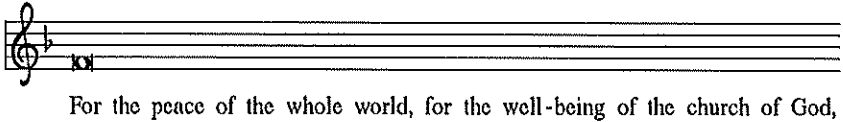
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



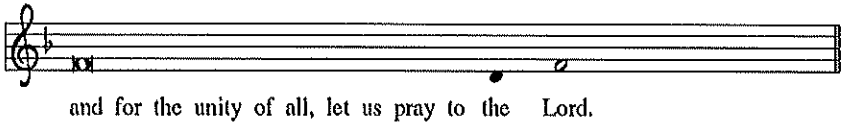
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



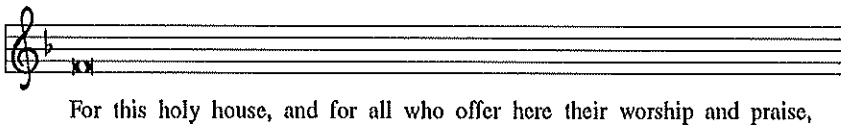
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



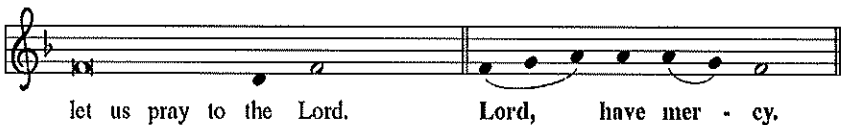
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



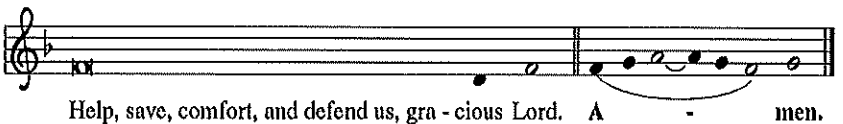
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 17:1-7, 15-16**

Insert

**PSALM 22:23-31**

Insert

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 5:1-11**

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 eighth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 8:27-38**

Insert

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Bill

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Give Me Jesus"*

#770

## **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**

**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**

*Contemplation*

Thygerson

# OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**L:** Let us pray. 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.

## **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:** 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 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" #769

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Praise*

Martin

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Memory Verse:

**Romans 5:1**

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of John A. and Jane Hiles' 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 1<sup>st</sup>. A vase of flowers has also been placed on the altar in honor of their anniversary.*



***Today, 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: John & 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

***Next Sunday, March 3\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Cason Meinerding  
10:30am: Maylee Fischbach
- Communion Assistants:** 8AM: Chris White  
10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifers:** 8AM: New Schedule Out Soon  
10:30AM: New Schedule Out Soon
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Dianne Uhlenhake,  
Dora McAfee, Bob Hinschlager  
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Dana Cook  
Connie & Mark Torsell
- Fellowship Table:** Confirmands Reunion: Years 2010-2023
- Greeters:** 8AM: Brandy & Ryan Yahl  
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee

**Readers:** 8AM: Nora Staunton  
10:30: Debbie Brown

\* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE .....	Last Wednesday: 104
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 47, 10:30 a.m.: 48, Total for the Day: 95	
.....Total for Week: 199	
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CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

## Calendar for February 25—March 10, 2024

S/25	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
T/27	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	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*
M/4	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/6	11:00 a.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/7	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release
S/9	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/10	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

1:30 p.m. Creative Crafters  
12 Noon Scholarship Deadline

*\*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, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, 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, Alan Bishir, Vicki Homan, Shirley Tangeman and Family of Ed Flora.

**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.

**Christian Sympathy** to the Family of Ed Flora.

**A big thank you** to all who helped with the Fish Fry – the dessert makers, the hot food cooks, the kitchen help, the servers and Eric and his family. The dinner was a big success – lots of good food and fellowship. An enjoyable evening for all who attended! Thanks again everyone!

**Our loose offering** each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of February is earmarked to support Boy Scout Troop #360, which Zion sponsors.

**Promised Treasures** is our Midweek Lenten theme. Services will continue to be held at 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary, on **February 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.

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### **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.

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**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 Creative Crafters** will be dying eggs on **Sunday, March 10**, at 1:30 p.m. and putting them in a "Bunny" basket. Check it out on the display table. The cost is \$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.

**Lily Order Forms** can be found on the table in the narthex. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 17**.

**The 175<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Do you ever** get a feeling that eyes are watching you in the church sanctuary? Look high up on the side walls and notice four fellows depicted one each in stained glass windows. They portray authors and disciples Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the youngest, John.

**The Women** have completed the Health Kits this last workday. They are still collecting bars of soap. Please place them in the Women's box by the elevator.

**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.

Weekly Budget	8 Week Budget	8 Week Income	Received 2/18
\$6,271--Current	\$50,168	\$34,409	\$6,318
\$290--NALC Offering	\$2,320	\$1,037	\$278

<b>Council Organization 2024</b>
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**ORGANIZATION:**

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

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**\*Chairperson of the Board**