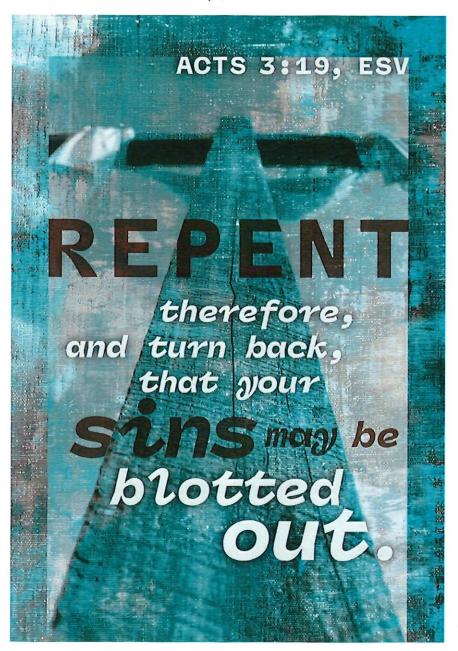
Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne Street St. Marys, OH 45885



April 14, 2024

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

Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE

JESUS LOVES ME

BRADBURY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P He is Risen!

C He is Risen indeed!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

#619

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

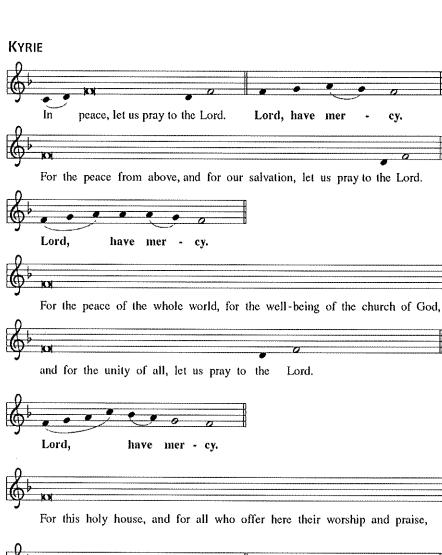
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

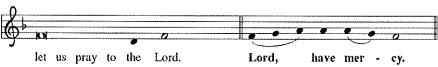
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the 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.

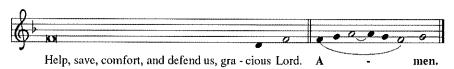
C: Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

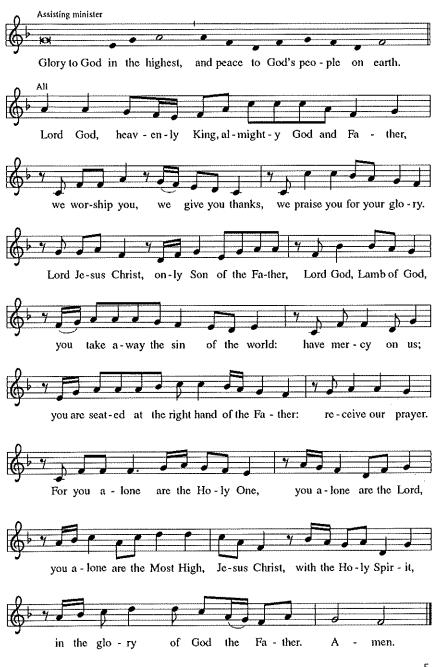
C: And also with you.







CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The "Act Up" Skit (10:30) Big and Small He Loves Us All

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

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PSALM 4

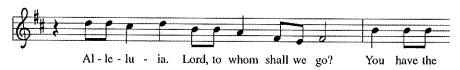
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SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





P: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY "Wh

"When Peace like a River"

#785

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

OFFERTORY

Prayerful Thoughts

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN



OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerable to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives.

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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

#392

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

VICTORY IN JESUS

BARTLETT

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Memory Verse:

Luke 24:36 ESV

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dwayne and Ruth Hoenie.

Today, April 14*

Acolytes: 8AM: Jessi Eberle

10:30am: Colton Ankerman

Ushers: 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl

10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Dana Cook,

K. Fledderjohann, S. Wierwille

Fellowship 8AM: Miriam & Kraig Johns

Table: 10:30AM: Kathy & Craig Miller **Greeters:** 8AM: Brandy & Ryan Yahl

10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille

Readers: 8AM: Kathy Lampert

10:30: Stan Brown

Next Sunday, April 21*

Acolytes: 8AM: Zoey Lampert

10:30am: Jessi Eberle

Communion 8AM: Chris White

Assistants: 10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem

Crucifers: 8AM: TBA

10:30AM: TBA

Ushers: 8AM: D. Uhlenhake, J. Wurster

D. Henning, D. McAfee

10:30AM: D. Hoenie, S. & D. Brown

Mark Torsell

Fellowship 8AM: Becky Harvey

Table: 10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem

Greeters: 8AM: John & Amy Hesse

10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie

Readers:

8AM:

Linda Yahl

10:30:

Deb Brown

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 15Sunday 8 a.m.: 52, 10:30 a.m.: 49, Total for the Day: 101
PASTORWilliam Maki, wllmmaki@yahoo.com

Calendar for April 14-28, 2024

S/14	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	1:15 p.m.	Creative Crafters
M/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
T/16	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	1:30 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline
	6:45 p.m.	Trust Fund Meeting
W/17	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
TH/18	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release
S/21	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	6:30 p.m.	The Underground
M/22	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
T/23	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	1:30 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline
W/24	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
TH/25	11:30 p.m.	Middle School Bible Release

Calendar for April 14-28, 2024

S/27 7:00 p.m. St. Marys Tri-Squares

S/28 8:00 a.m. Worship+

9:15 a.m. Sunday School—Fun Day

10:30 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Women's Celebration

*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, Vicki Homan, Donna Maynard, Janet, Bill Fuller, Alan Bishir, Analisa Bouscaren, Carol Eshelman, Forrest Cooper, Kelsey, Anthony (Tony) Hardeman, Lisa Suchland, Eileen Zimmerman, Kate Elsass, Dyne Hoenie, Vic Von Blon, Debra Williams, Teresa Roode, Heather, Christina Schelby, Connor Schelby, and Don Applegate.

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.

Thank you for your help with the Easter Egg Hunts! Whether you volunteered, donated, or simply prayed for us, thank you! With your help, we reached many families.

Thank you to our Act Up performers today: Xander Meinerding, Liza Yahl and Zaila Yahl. A special thanks to Sandy Wierwille for making the ladybug costume for the Act Up groups' performance.

Thank you to Stan & Debbie Brown and Family for hosting the Easter Breakfast for our congregation on Sunday, March 31.

Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of April are earmarked for the NALC Disaster Response Fund. The Disaster Response Fund provides resources for: respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur, alleviate human suffering, provide transitional assistance, and enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process. For more information check out the April newsletter.

Auglaize County Crisis Center's pantry is depleted. They are asking for donations. The women will be collecting donations in April and May to help restock their shelves. A list of needed items was posted in the newsletter and bulletin. Please place donations in the tub by the elevator. Thank you!

The trustees are announcing the part-time paid position, as Office Assistant, is now available. Inquiries and resumes are to be submitted to the church office.

We have had a trustee pass away. We are looking for someone to finish his 8-month term, as member of the Board of Trustees. If you are interested, contact the church office or Dana Cook.

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Women's Lenten Fundraiser. We collected \$1,113 to go towards our programs and mission activities. If you forgot or still want to give, please drop off

your donation at the church office. Thank you from the Women's Board for participating.

Creative Crafters will meet this Sunday, April 14, at 1:15 p.m., we will make simple tool/kitchen Aprons, this will go along with the Women's Celebration topic. The cost is \$10. In May we will have a guest speaker, Jeannine Roediger, The Art of Fiber on May 5, at 1:30 p.m. Free. Let's fill the auditorium. This is open to all—men, women and children.

The Women's Fellowship and Pastor's Bible Studies will resume on Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

The 2024 Flower Chart 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: **April 21 & 28**.

Sunday Funday is **Sunday, April 28,** for grades PreK - 5. Join us in the Auditorium for a day filled with fun activities!

Zion's Women Celebration is **Sunday, April 28**, at 2 p.m., in the Auditorium. A light lunch will be served. "Tie on Your Apron in the Kitchen of Prayer" Is the program. Wear your favorite apron to the event. Tickets are on sale now before church services or in the church office until, Monday, April 22. Cost is \$7.

Please save the dates for this year's North American Lutheran Church OHIO MISSION REGION ANNUAL CONVOCATION AND MISSION EVENT.

Dates: Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, 2024.
Place: Saint John Lutheran Church in Grove City.
Who's invited? Every pastor and member of our North
American Lutheran Church congregations in Ohio!

This annual gathering brings together members and pastors not just to transact the business we do together in our Region (the state of Ohio) and our five mission districts (Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, North Central, and Southwest Ohio), but also is a time to worship together, fellowship together, learn together, pray together, and plan together. This year the focus of mission event on Friday, May 3, will be on senior adult ministry, from ministering to seniors and their families to empowering senior adults to share the Gospel of Jesus with others.

Sunday, May 5, is the annual Sunday School breakfast for students and parents. Join us at 9:15 a.m., in the Auditorium. Come hungry!

SCUBA, Diving into Friendship with God VBS will take place at Wayne Street Church on June 3 - 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m. and volunteers are needed! Teen and adults are needed for all positions. Need not commit to all week! If interested, please let Mindy know ASAP.

We will be collecting new or good used Bibles, to will be given to the NALC warehouse, they will hand out the Bibles to those who have experienced a natural disaster. We will no longer collect ink cartridges.

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	15 Week Budget	15 Week Income	Received 4/7/2024
\$6,271Current	\$30,360	\$79,303	\$4,531
\$290NALC Offering	\$4,350	\$2,025	\$155



Council Organization 2024

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Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Third Sunday of Easter — April 14, 2024

"And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?""

- Luke 24:41a -

This is such an odd statement. How can they be happy about something they can't believe is happening? Yet, haven't we all experienced that at some point in our lives? Have you ever been so joyously happy and yet at the same time questioned how you could be so lucky? Have you ever received an award you didn't think you deserved and yet accepted it with joy that you were the recipient? Have you ever seen a test result thinking that you surely failed only to discover that you did very well? Everyone can remember a time they have received something with joy but also disbelief.

That's what happened to the disciples after the resurrection. They were so grief-stricken over the death of Jesus that his appearances probably did not make a difference at first. Imagine the conversation that was going on at the beginning of today's Gospel lesson: "You saw Jesus? But He's dead!" "Was it a ghost?" They were probably arguing about what was seen and experienced. Perhaps the witnesses saw someone that looked like Jesus. The witnesses' testimony was rejected because it was ridiculous and downright impossible. One by one they began to see the truth when they witnessed Jesus with their own eyes. One by one they realized that they could no longer ignore the reality: Jesus was alive.

It is no surprise, then, that Jesus' followers were both joyous and disbelieving. After all, this was beyond their understanding. The disciples who had seen Him probably said "See! We told you so!" Yet, even those disciples were probably scared and confused. How do you respond to a physical being that is a man and yet not a man? Even though Jesus had promised that He would be raised from the dead, the disciples never expected this turn of events. They were worried about the future; they were worried about their lives. Jesus was back among them, but how?

The disciples' questions were answered with a simple request from Jesus, "Have you anything here to eat?" He wanted them to know that it was all true. He was alive again. He was different, yet He was the same. In joy as well as in happy disbelief, the disciples shared another meal with their Master.

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Acts 3:11-21

11While (the lame man who had been healed) clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. 17 And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you,

Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Psalm 4

- ¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- ²O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
- ³But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.
- ⁴Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.
- ⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.
- ⁶There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"
- You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- ⁸In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ¬Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" 37But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. 44Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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Cereal

Taco Meal Kits
Hamburger Helper
Tuna Helper
Au gratin Potatoes
Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce
Oatmeal Packets
Pizza Meal Kits
Scalloped potatoes
Mashed Potatoes (boxed or bagged)
Pasta Sides
Pasta Noodles
Fruit cups
Salt in Shakers
Pepper in Shakers
Coffee filters
Tea Bags
Juice: grape or apple
Pudding cups
Applesauce
Granola bars
Pop tarts

Crackers
Snacks
Microwave Popcorn
Sugar
Milk: powdered or boxed
Cake mixes and Icing
Microwaveable meals
Ravioli canned or microwavable
Microwavable meals (like Home Completes)
Kool Aid premixed
Jell-O cups
Snack bars
Cereal bars
Snack crackers
Fruit snacks
Flour
Pam or cooking spray
Cupcake liners
Paper Towels
Kleenex
Soups: vegetable, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, chunky soups, chicken broth, beef broth
Canned meats: beef, tuna and chicken
Canned fruits: pineapple and pears