



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
210 North Wayne Street
Saint Marys, OH

Wednesday, July 9th, 2025
6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

Pianist: Ginni Guarneri

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG *"Mine eyes Have Seen the Glory" (vs. 1-2)* #890

CONFESSION / ASSURANCE

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+),
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Hear us O God.

C: We confess to you Almighty God, before the whole company
of heaven, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought,
word and deed; we pray you have mercy on us, forgive us all
our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

P: May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you
from all of your sins and give you time to amend your life.

GOD'S WORD TO US Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 Insert

SERMON

Pastor Paul Gruetter

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

C: 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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SONG *"Mine eyes Have Seen the Glory" (vs. 3-4)* #890

POSTLUDE Pianist: Ginni Guarneri

Usher: Stan Brown



Memory Verse: Galatians 6:7
"You will reap what you sow."

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - July 6, 2025

- Luke 10:17-20 -

Jesus' followers return from their mission amazed that even the demons were subject to them in Jesus' name. Jesus responds that he has indeed given them such power, but in so doing, he adds two further points. He alludes to the basis of this power as well as the end for which it is given. The basis of this power is that Satan has been dislodged from the position of power that he had formerly usurped. Jesus indicates this by saying, "I saw Satan fall like lightening from heaven." The end for which Jesus gave this power to his followers is to advance his kingdom in order that people might enjoy God's presence forever. Accordingly, Jesus tells his followers not to rejoice in the power itself but in the fact that their names are written in heaven. So, the power is a means to the greater end of advancing God's kingdom, and the basis of this power is the work of Christ on the cross that dislodges Satan from his usurped position of power.

The name Satan means *accuser* or *adversary*. In Job 1 we see this in action: Satan enters God's presence to accuse Job. And the basis of Satan's power to accuse is the guilt of our sin, both original and actual. However, this power was broken when Jesus died on the cross to remove the guilt of our sin. Moreover, it was further broken when Jesus ascended to heaven to intercede for us—on the basis of his sacrifice—in the very spot where Satan once accused. The result was that Satan was dislodged from his usurped position of power: "Satan fell like lightening from heaven." It is precisely this dislodging of which Christ speaks in John 12: "Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself (John 12:31, 32)."

When Christ spoke to his followers on the way to Jerusalem, he had not yet been lifted up. But the result of his work was so certain in advance that Satan's fall from heaven was guaranteed. In the divine plan, it was already a done deal. This is why the demons were subject to Jesus' followers in his name.

Shout for Joy!

Find the 36 **bold** words from Psalm 66:1-7 (ESV)

H B B T Z R S T P V G W X D Q
A T N C O M F E A H L H I Q N
L W R E W O P R I D C P U R T
E S I A R P F O R M S T D L L
S S D E E D N Y U U E H A Z A
R E V I R V L A O B L N O W X
Y E A T E R C I T J D E E U E
R H B A W O R S H I P S S E T
O N R E J O I C E C O W G H Z
L L P R L N N K E M A N G C M
G U W G G L G J E M O I S M Y
X U C V I X I D D E M C Z P A
C L H A J B N O K Y P Z V Z D
S Z J K U K G O U E W N B F C
L M V D Y L P Z F S R I T E E

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him **glorious praise!** Say to God, “How **awesome** are your **deeds!** So **great** is your **power** that your **enemies come cringing** to you. All the earth **worships** you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” **Selah** Come and **see** what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the **children of man.** He turned the **sea** into **dry land;** they passed through the **river** on **foot.** There did we **rejoice** in him, who **rules** by his **might forever,** whose **eyes keep watch** on the **nations**—let not the **rebellious exalt** themselves. *Selah*

ATTENDANCE Wednesday: **12**
 Sunday: 8 a.m.: **38** & 10:30 a.m.: **30**
 Total for the Day: **68**
 Total for Week: **80**
 Organist Merilee Miller
 Pianist Miriam Johns
 OFFICE MANAGER Kathy Bishir, kbishir@hotmail.com
 OFFICE ASSISTANT Samantha Franklin, sbishir@hotmail.com
 LAY LEADER Heidi Yahl, heidiyahl@yahoo.com
 LAY LEADER ASSISTANT Ruth Hoenie
 PASTOR Vice-Pastor Paul Gruetter
 MINISTERS All Members of Zion
 CHURCH WEBSITE www.zionstmarys.org
 CHURCH OFFICE 419-394-3115

Calendar for July 9th – July 23rd

W/9	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service*
S/13	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	1:15 p.m.	Creative Crafters
T/15	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline
	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
W/16	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
S/19	8:00 a.m.	Golf Outing
S/20	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
M/21	6:45 p.m.	Trust Fund Meeting
T/22	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop

9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
W/23 6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop Leadership Meeting

**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, Brent Paulus, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Vicki Bishir, Warren Hoenie, Carolyn Slemmons, Vicki Homan, Eileen Zimmerman, Paul Leasor, Amy Berner, Kurt Deutsch, Loretta Scott, Peggy Fowler, Ryan Yahl, Victoria Hoenie, Joanne Stetler, Ruth Doering, Jay Kuck, Joel, Ray Timmerman, Sally Van Belkum, Eva Oxenreider, sympathy to the family Jan Rohrbach, sympathy to the family of Joan Stetler and the victims of the floods in Texas.

Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin and Wyatt Duncan, who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family and their safe return home.

Portals of Prayer for July—September 2025 are now available in the Narthex. Large print and regular print copies are available.

Silent Quilt Auction Dorcas Quilting is auctioning off the quilt hanging in the Narthex. The proceeds will go to our mission funds. The starting bid is \$125. The quilt would make a nice gift as a lap quilt or baby shower gift. Bids may be placed in the box by the quilt display until July 27th.

We invite you to participate in a card shower for Vic Von Blon, he will be celebrating his 90th birthday on July 25th. His address is: 1035 HAGER ST, Room #506, St. Marys, OH 45885.

Pastor Paul Gruetter, serving as Zion's vice-pastor, can be reached at 567-201-3455 or paulgruetter@gmail.com. On the Wednesdays when Pastor Paul is leading our Wednesday evening worship service, he plans to arrive in St. Marys early and be available for visits and pastoral consultation, so feel free to contact him. July 9th is the next Wednesday that Pastor Paul will be here.

The trustees are planning to update the carpet in the lounge and Pastor's study. If you are interested in helping to reduce the cost of the carpeting, please earmark your envelope "carpets" and we will see that your gift is given to this project. Also, in the Pastor's study the captain's chair and possibly the three accent chairs are to be cleaned or replaced. If you are interested in helping defray the cost of the chairs in the Pastor's study, earmark your envelope "chairs" for this project.

We are collecting new or good used Bibles, to be given to the NALC warehouse. The NALC warehouse distributes the Bibles to those who have experienced a natural disaster and no longer have a Bible. Bibles can be placed in the container on the cart by the elevator.

Our loose offerings for the month of July is the Cancer Association of Auglaize County, CAAC has been giving assistance to those cancer warriors that reside in Auglaize County. Provide mileage reimbursement to cancer patients to and from doctor appointments. Assist with medical expenses of cancer patients. Provide services to cancer patients.

The Women of Zion are collecting bars of soap for Personal Care Kits. The soap may be placed in the blue tub by the elevator.

The 2025 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*, by 12:30 p.m., to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. The first six months of 2025 flower chart has been posted by the elevator. **Sign up early.** Next available date is July 27th; August 3rd & 31st; September 7th & 28th.

Zion's 2025 pulpit supply schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, July 9th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Sunday, July 13th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, July 16th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Sunday, July 20th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, July 23rd, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Sunday, July 27th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Wednesday, July 30th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl*
- Sunday, August 3rd, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl*
- Wednesday, August 6th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl*
- Sunday, August 10th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Wednesday, August 13th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Sunday, August 17th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, August 20th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Sunday, August 24th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, August 27th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Sunday, August 31st, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Wednesday, September 3rd, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl*
- Sunday, September 7th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Wednesday, September 10th, Pastor Paul Gruetter*
- Sunday, September 14th, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, September 17, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl

**Holy Communion Service*

Creative Crafters: The July Craft includes a "Fourth of July" flag. The flag has a pocket to hang on your garden stake or display in your home, each flag will approximately be 12"L x 18"H. The date we will assemble the flag will be **Sunday, July 13, at 1:15 p.m.**, in the craft room (second floor of the education @ crafts building). The fee will be \$10 per flag. Sign up in the binder on display table in Narthex. This craft is for all ages.

Golf Outing: Zion will host a golf outing on **Saturday, July 19th**, at 8 a.m., Celina Lynx Golf Course. Please sign up on the "I Worshiped Today" and return to the church office. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, July 13th**. For this year's golf outing we will be playing a four person scramble. All members are welcome! Cost will be greens fees paid at the course when you arrive. (\$42 each) If you are a course member then you will not need to pay greens fees, but check in only. Lunch and prizes will be provided afterwards with awards for longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. Please arrive 30 minutes before and pay in the Pro Shop. If you are going to play, please contact Dwight Schramm at 260-443-3771.

Church Picnic will be held at 12 p.m. on **Sunday, July 20th**. We will be serving food potluck style: meat, beverage and table service provided. Bring a potluck dish to share. Family and friends are welcome. Please sign up on your "I Worship Today" if you plan on attending and the number of people.

We invite you to help landscape around our building on **Saturday, July 26th**, at 8 a.m. We invite you to sign up. Bring your own landscaping tools. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Kellermeyer.

Summerfest weekend is August 8-10. A community worship service, sponsored by the St. Marys Ministerial Association, will be held on August 10, at 10 a.m., in the pavilion. Zion will be having our regular worship services that day at 8 & 10:30 a.m. We

recognize that this service may impact some and the council decision is to continue to provide worship for those who wish to worship here that day.

If you have a change in the Acolyte, Communion Assistant, Crucifer, Deacon/Usher, Fellowship Table, Greeter or Reader schedule, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115. We invite you to leave a message, let the phone ring **5 times**, then leave your message.

Just a Reminder if you have a meeting to be held here at the church, please contact the church office to get it on the calendar. This makes sure the building and rooms are open and available for you to meet.

Our weekly bulletin deadline is Tuesdays, at 12:30 p.m. Our newsletter is the 15th of each month by 3:30 p.m. In order to submit articles to the church office you can:

- Fax: 419-394-1239
- Bring it to the church office by the deadline
- Write us a note on the "I Worship Today"
- Send your article by email: kbishir@hotmail.com
- Leave a message on our answering machine: 419-394-3115, after 4:30 p.m. (Let it ring **5 times**, then you will get the answering machine)

Please contact the church office when you or your family member experiences a death in the family, hospitalization, baptism, marriage or if you wish to speak to a pastor. The church office will assist you in getting you the proper care you and your family need. Call 419-394-3115.

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, about this ministry.

Weekly Budget	27 Week Budget	27 Week Income	Received 7/6/2025
\$7,038--Current	190,026	134,477	5,294
\$290--NALC Offering	7,830	3,453	79

Council Organization 2025

ORGANIZATION:

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SecretarySandy Wierwille
Assistant Melanie Rose
Treasurer..... Stanley Brown
Assistant Amy Hesse

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**Chairperson of the Board*

