



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

210 North Wayne Street

Saint Marys, OH 45885

July 16th, 2025

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

Pianist: Ginni Guarneri

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP & HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITION

SONG *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* (vs. 1-2) #836

CONFESSION / ASSURANCE

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

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: 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

Luke 10:25-37

Insert

SERMON

Lay Leader Heidi Yahl

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

SONG *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (vs. 3)* #836

POSTLUDE Pianist: Ginni Guarneri

Usher: Deb Henning

Memory Verse: Luke 10:26
 “What is written in the Law?”

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost — July 13, 2025

"²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" "²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law?

How do you read it?" "²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

- Luke 10:25-28 -

One of the uses of God's Law is to show us our sinfulness and our consequent need for a savior. By giving us a perfect standard of good and evil, God's Law is like a mirror in which we see the true state of our hearts. When we measure our actions, intentions, and motives against the plumb line of God's Law, we see that we are deficient at best and rebellious at worst. So, in his earthly ministry, Jesus sometimes preached the Law to show people their inability to save themselves. He did this in the Sermon on the Mount, and he did it to the lawyer in our text.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus by asking him what he had to do to inherit eternal life. Rather than challenging the lawyer's reliance on God's Law, Jesus asked him to clarify what the Law says. The lawyer responded by summarizing the Law, saying that one must perfectly love God and neighbor. But once again, rather than challenging the lawyer's reliance on God's Law, Jesus said, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

Of course, Jesus knew that it is impossible for sinful human beings to fulfill the Law. Indeed, it is for precisely this reason that Jesus came into the world to die on a cross. Why then did Jesus respond in this way? Perhaps he wanted the lawyer to sharpen the Law's demand for moral perfection and to state this demand with his own mouth. Perhaps he also wanted the lawyer to try living up to the Law's all-encompassing demands. And perhaps finally, he wanted the lawyer to come to the end of his own resources in a complete moral failure as a prelude to throwing himself upon the grace and mercy of God.

The lawyer had tried to test Jesus only to be tested by Jesus in turn. Yet, through this very test, lay the possibility that his heart would be opened to the gospel.

ATTENDANCE Wednesday: 20
 Sunday: 8 a.m.: 43 & 10:30 a.m.: 27
 Total for the Day: 70
 Total for Week: 90
 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 16th – July 29th

W/16	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
T/17	5:00 p.m.	St. Marys Ministerial Association
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
S/26	8:00 a.m.	Landscaping
S/27	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service**
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service*
T/29	8 a.m.	Men's Workshop

9:00 a.m. Dorcas Quilting

12:30 p.m. Bulletin Information Deadline

Last Day to bid on Quilt on Display in the Narthex.

**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

Deitsch, Loretta Scott, Peggy Fowler, Ryan Yahl, Victoria Hoenie, Jay Kuck, Joel, Ray Timmerman, Sally Van Belkum, Eva Oxenreider, sympathy to the family Jan Rohrbach, Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Evelyn 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. August 13th, is the next Wednesday that Pastor Paul will be here, by 3:30 p.m.

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. The 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.

Your financial statements for the first six months (January to June) of 2025 have been mailed. If you have any questions or concerns about your financial statement, please contact the church office. Copies of our six month financial report will be available on the table in the narthex.

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; October 5th, 12th, 19, & 26th.**

Zion's 2025 pulpit supply schedule is as follows:

- 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*

Golf Outing: Zion will host a golf outing next **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 today, **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 noon this **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.

Volunteer Needed We are looking for an acolyte for Sunday, August 3rd, at the 10:30 a.m. Service on behalf of Colton Ankerman. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, if you can help us with this request.

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.

The Creative Crafters: The August Craft includes a lanyard and matching key ring, perfect for back to school. The lanyard is something simple to make, and you can say "I made it myself". The date we will assemble the lanyards will be **Sunday, August 17th, at 1:15 p.m.**, in the craft room (second floor of the education building). The fee will be \$5 for fabric and materials. Sign up in the binder on display table in Narthex. This craft is for all ages.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN It's time for Confirmation! Confirmation is a special ministry with and for 7th and 8th graders. It's a two year program to teach the basic beliefs of the Lutheran church and to help strengthen relationships with Jesus and each other.

There will be an information meeting about Confirmation on Wednesday, August 20 at 7 p.m. in Zion's auditorium. You'll learn the schedule for the year, as well as expectations of the students for service and worship.

A letter is being sent to the prospective students that we know about. The congregation can help to make sure we don't miss anybody! If you know of someone in this age group who could be in Confirmation, invite them. Or pass their name and info along to the church office.

We're excited about this new year of teaching and learning. If you'd like more information, you can contact lay leader Heidi Yahl (insert her email here) or Pastor Paul Gruetter (paulgruetter@gmail.com).

The women of Zion will be starting back up in September on **Wednesday, September 10th** (7 p.m.) and **Thursday, September 11th**, (2 p.m.) with a Bible study "The Wise & The Foolish." Study books are \$10 each. Please register on the "I Worshiped Today" by **Wednesday, August 27th**.

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	28 Week Budget	28 Week Income	Received 7/13/2025
\$7,038--Current	197,064	139,428	4,951
\$290--NALC Offering	8,210	3,798	342

Council Organization 2025

ORGANIZATION:

President*Neal Brady*
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Secretary*Sandy Wierwille*
Assistant *Melanie Rose*
Treasurer..... *Stanley Brown*
Assistant *Amy Hesse*

- **COUNCIL AT LARGE:** Thelma Kellermeyer, Melanie Rose, Dwight Schramm, Linda Yahl, Amy Hesse & Stanley Brown
- **BOARD OF DEACONS:** Dianne Uhlenhake, John Hesse, Ryan Yahl, Deb Henning, Cheryl Macklem, Jeanne Wurster, Rhonda Weaver, Judy Schultz & Dwayne Hoenie*
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- **CALL COMMITTEE:** Ryan Yahl*, Merilee Miller, Bill Kellermeyer, Allison Ackroyd, Pete Ackroyd, & Bob Hinschlager.

**Chairperson of the Board*