



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

210 North Wayne St
Saint Marys, OH 45885

Sunday, July 20th, 2025

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

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PRELUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Give Me Jesus"

#770

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

L: 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.

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

L: 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.

L: God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

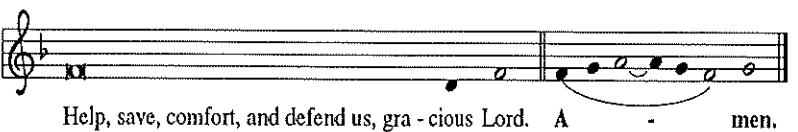
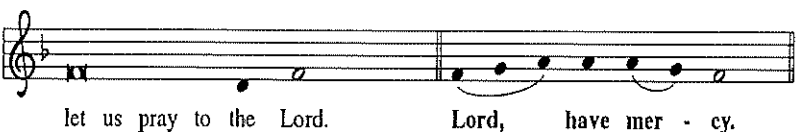
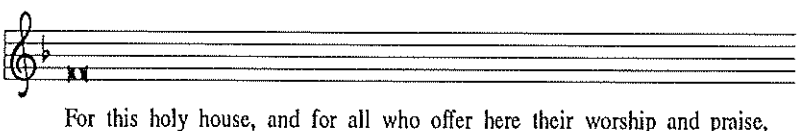
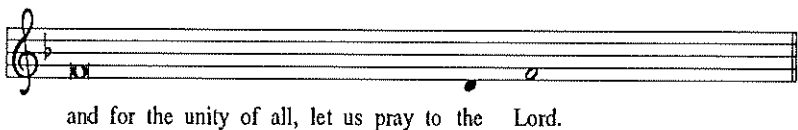
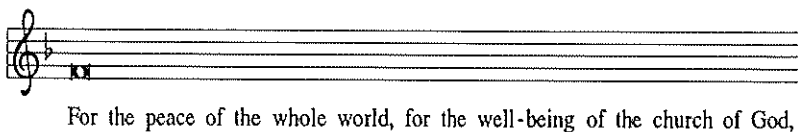
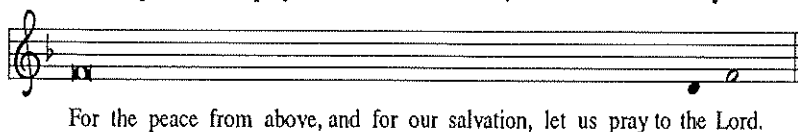
C: Amen.

GREETING

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



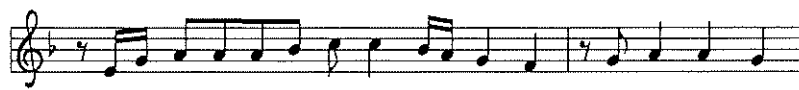
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a [10b-14]

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PSALM 27:1-14

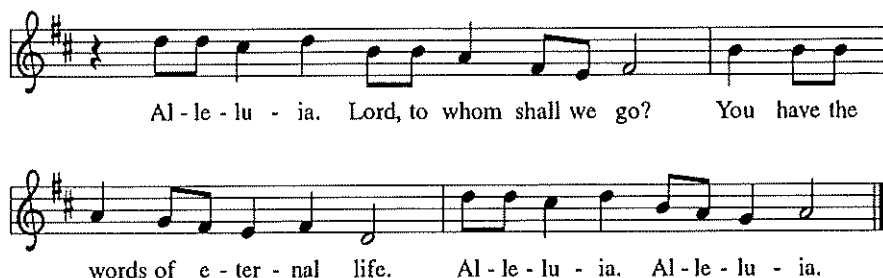
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SECOND READING

Colossians 1:21-29

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



L: The holy gospel according to St. Luke 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

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L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Lay Leader Heidi Yahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Adagio"

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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 to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Lord God, we give you thanks for the wondrous gifts you have so freely given us. You are the source of our lives, our work, and our possessions. In an act of worship we offer back to you what you have first given to us, that our sacrifices in some small way, might express our devotion to you and be used to spread the Good News of Christ to the world. We pray this in the strong name of Jesus.

C: 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.

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
And give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"* #772

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Slow March"



The altar flowers are in honor of Andrew Slemmons, birthday on July 22. They are given by Dan & Cheryl Macklem.

Memory Verse: Genesis 18:14

"Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?"

Sunday, July 20th, 2025

Acolytes:	8 AM:	E. Yahl
	10:30 AM:	B. Ross
Ushers:	8 AM:	D. Uhlenhake, R. Weaver, J. Wurster, D. McAfee
	10:30 AM:	D. Hoenie, K. Fledderjohann, S. & D. Brown
Fellowship	8 AM:	J. & M. Slemmons
	10:30 AM:	S. & D. Brown
Greeters:	8 AM:	S. Wierwille, J. Schultz
	10:30 AM:	S. Wierwille, J. Immenschuh
Readers:	8 AM:	E. Yahl
	10:30 AM:	S. Ross

Sunday, July 27th, 2025

Acolytes:	8 AM:	E. Yahl
	10:30 AM:	E. Miller
Crucifers:	8 AM:	J. Eberle
	10:30 AM:	B. Glass
Communion	8 AM:	J. Slemmons
Assistants:	10:30 AM:	C. Macklem
Ushers:	8 AM:	R. Weaver, J. Wurster, J. Schultz, D. Henning
	10:30 AM:	C. & D. Macklem, S. Wierwille, D. Bishir
Fellowship	8 AM:	D. & M. Stetler
	10:30 AM:	K. & C. Miller
Greeters:	8 AM:	E. & L. Yahl
	10:30 AM:	S. & D. McAfee
Readers:	8 AM:	L. Decker
	10:30 AM:	R. Hoenie

**The schedules above are tentative and may be subject to changes. Up-to-date when the document was printed.*

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 20th – August 3rd

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 Church Picnic
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
S/26	8:00 a.m.	Landscaping the church
	7:00 p.m.	The St. Marys Tri-Squares
S/27	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service*
	<i>--Last day to bid on Quilt on Display in Narthex</i>	
T/29	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop

	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
W/30	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service*
S/2	8:00 a.m.	Men in Mission
S/3	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service*

**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, Jay Kuck, Joel, Ray Timmerman, Sally Van Belkum, Eva Oxenreider, Steve McAfee, 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 needs to be replaced. If you are interested in helping defray the cost of the chair 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*

Church Picnic will be held at 12 noon today, **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 meet today: The August Craft includes a matching lanyard and 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 heidiyahl@yahoo.com 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*
Vice-President *William D. Kellermeyer, Jr.*
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*