



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

Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2025  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Setting 3

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PRELUDE

*"Shall We Gather At The River"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG      "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"      #864

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.**

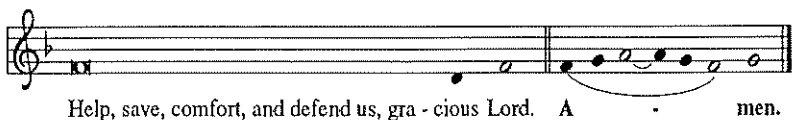
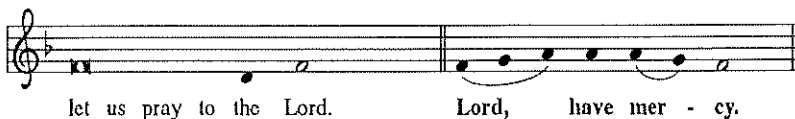
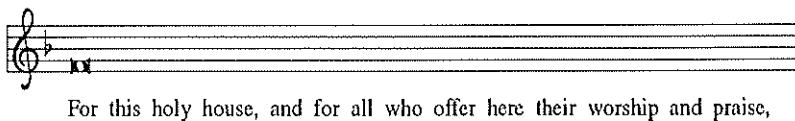
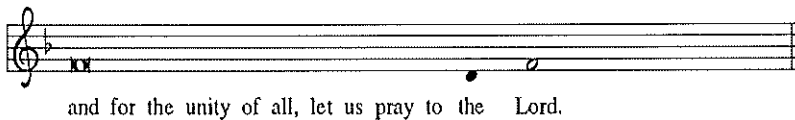
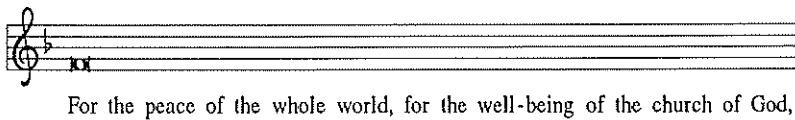
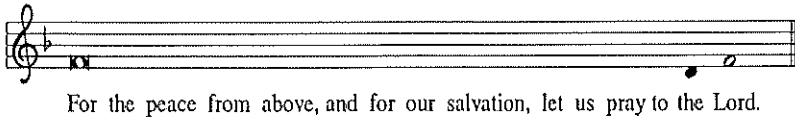
**P:** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

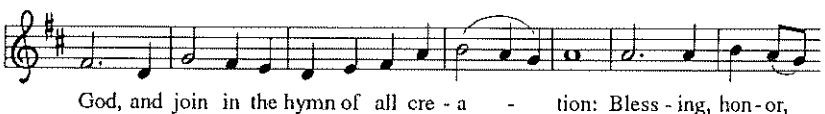
**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE



# CANTICLE OF PRAISE



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Insert

FIRST READING Genesis 18:[17-19] 20-33 Insert

PSALM 138 Insert

SECOND READING Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL LUKE 11:1-13 Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Paul Gruetter

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

#742

## NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

*"Elevation"*

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

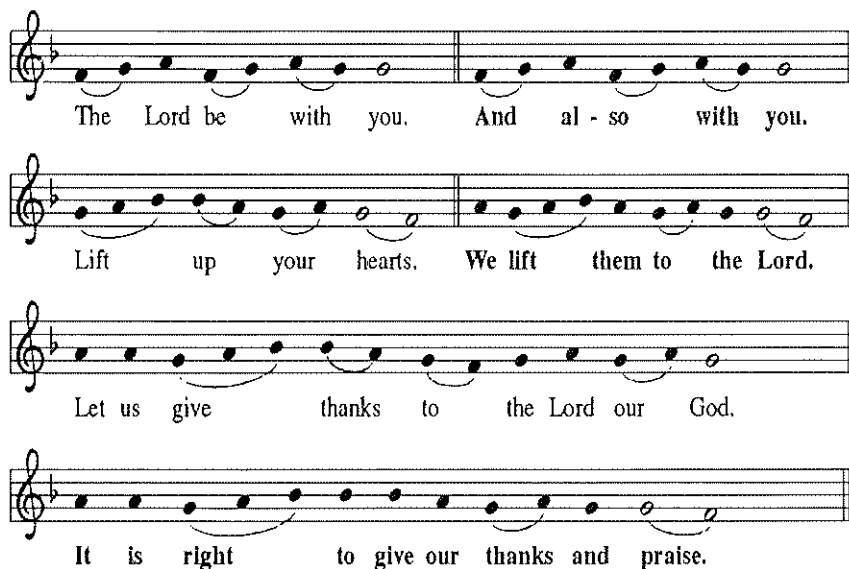
L: Let us pray.

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.**

#### DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

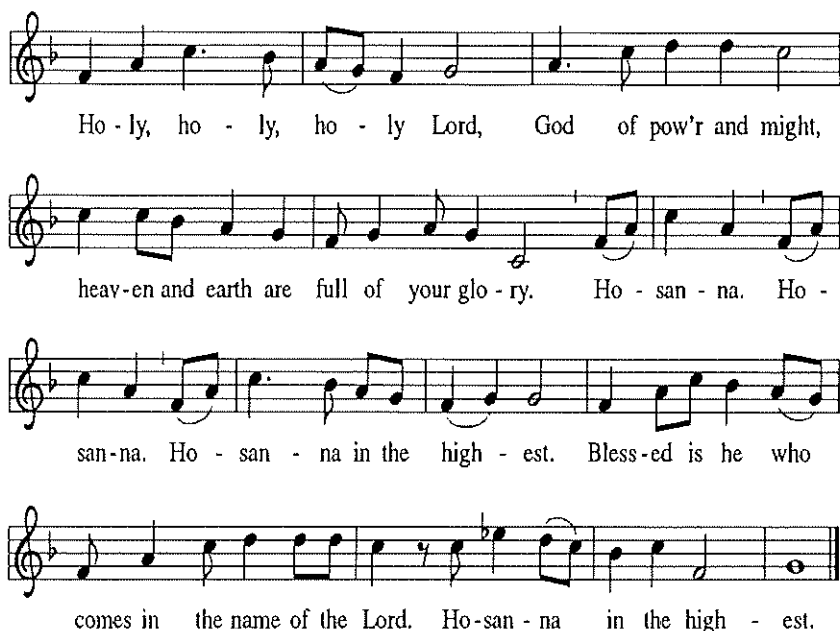
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.

## COMMUNION SONG

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

#756

"You Are the Way"

#758

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.

C: Amen.

#### BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG      "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"      #543

#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

*"Sketch"*

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**Memory Verse: Luke 11:9**

**"Knock!"**

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**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

<b>Acolytes:</b>	8 AM:	N. Brady
	10:30 AM:	B. Ross
<b>Crucifers:</b>	8 AM:	Z. Henning
	10:30 AM:	J. Ackroyd
<b>Communion</b>	8 AM:	J. Wurster
<b>Assistants:</b>	10:30 AM:	D. Bishir
<b>Ushers:</b>	8 AM:	Jeanne Wuerster, Judy Schultz, Jody Slemmons, TBA
	10:30 AM:	D. Hoenie, M. & C. Torsell, D. Macklem
<b>Fellowship</b>	8 AM:	H. & N. Staunton
	10:30 AM:	D. Henning
<b>Greeters:</b>	8 AM:	TBA
	10:30 AM:	TBA
<b>Readers:</b>	8 AM:	D. Cook
	10:30 AM:	D. Hoenie

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

ATTENDANCE ..... Wednesday: 17  
..... Sunday: 8 a.m.: 36 & 10:30 a.m.: 36  
..... Total for the Day: 72  
..... Total for Week: 89  
Organist ..... Merilee Miller  
Pianist ..... Miriam Johns  
OFFICE MANAGER ..... Kathy Bishir, [kbishir@hotmail.com](mailto:kbishir@hotmail.com)  
OFFICE ASSISTANT ..... Samantha Franklin, [sbishir@hotmail.com](mailto:sbishir@hotmail.com)  
LAY LEADER ..... Heidi Yahl, [heidiyahl@yahoo.com](mailto:heidiyahl@yahoo.com)  
LAY LEADER ASSISTANT ..... Ruth Hoenie  
PASTOR ..... Vice-Pastor Paul Gruetter  
MINISTERS ..... All Members of Zion  
CHURCH WEBSITE ..... [www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org)  
CHURCH OFFICE ..... 419-394-3115

### Calendar for July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>

W/23	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
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*
		Last day to bid on Quilt
T/28	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*
M/4	7:00 p.m.	Elder's Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting

T/5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/6	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service*

*\*Holy Communion*

*\*Livestreamed on [www.zionstmarys.org](http://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, Steve McAfee, Tayra DeHoven, Diane Uhlenhake, Joni Immenschuh, Dan Lukac, the family of Zurell & Katie Flais.

**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 27<sup>th</sup>.

**We invite you to participate in** a card shower for Vic Von Blon, he will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Church Picnic** The rain did not dampen the friendship and fellowship at the annual church picnic. A heartfelt thanks to Hunter Coldiron for helping with the setup of tables and chairs, to those who brought delicious dishes to share, and to everyone who assisted with tear-down. Your contributions made for a truly blessed day!

**Thank you** to everyone for the loving thoughts, prayers, and cards when my mother, Joan Stetler, passed away – The Family of E. Joan Stetler

**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 August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>; September 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>; October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19, & 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Zion's 2025 pulpit supply schedule** is as follows:

- Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Paul Gruetter\*
- Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl\*
- Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl\*
- Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl\*
- Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Paul Gruetter\*
- Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Paul Gruetter\*



- Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Paul Gruetter\*
- Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl\*
- Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Paul Gruetter\*
- Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Paul Gruetter\*
- Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl
- Wednesday, September 17, Lay Leader Heidi Yahl

*\*Holy Communion Service*

**We invite you** to help landscape around our building on **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 lanyard, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:heidiyahl@yahoo.com)) or Pastor Paul Gruetter ([paulgruetter@gmail.com](mailto:paulgruetter@gmail.com)).

**Women's Fellowship** will resume on **Monday, September 8, 2025**. Everyone is welcomed to join our group on **Monday evenings at 7 p.m.**, in the church lounge! Our 8-week study for the fall will be, The Augsburg Confession. For those who wish to participate in this study, please contact the church office by **8/25/25** to sign up so that a study guide can be ordered for you. You may also sign up on the "I Worship Today" bulletin insert. The cost of the study guide will be determined after the order is placed (typically around \$12-15). In addition to the study guide, you will need to purchase for yourself (if you don't already

have, or can't find a copy to borrow), the book, Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions. This sells for \$18.99 on Amazon. The Concordia will be used along with the study guide and the Bible. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Fledderjohann, 419-953-2334.

**The women of Zion** will be starting back up in September on **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** (7 p.m.) and **Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, (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 27<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**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	29 Week Budget	29 Week Income	Received 7/20/2025
\$7,038--Current	204,102	143,037	3,609
\$290--NALC Offering	8,410	3,815	20

## 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
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- **BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION:** Sandy Wierwille\*, Kerri Masonbrink, Alexa Coldiron & Stephanie Ross
- **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** Jake Ackroyd
- **MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND:** Doris Cook, Darl Bishir, Marion Slater, Rick Green\*, & Bill Kellermeyer
- **CALL COMMITTEE:** Ryan Yahl\*, Merilee Miller, Bill Kellermeyer, Allison Ackroyd, Pete Ackroyd, & Bob Hinschlager.

*\*Chairperson of the Board*