

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 17, 2025 10:15 a.m.
(* Indicates: all who are able please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP *Sanctuary*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

L: We come before God with a sense of awe...

P: for God is great and mighty, creator of life and provider of all things,

L: We come, too, with boldness ...

P: for in Jesus God you have shown us compassion and forgiveness, healing and hope.

L: And we come with expectation...

P: that the Holy Spirit will give us new insights into God's will, and the power to accomplish God's intentions.

All: May God bless our worship that it might deepen our relationship with our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*

*OPENING PRAYER

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter into the lives of each of us today, anointing us with your power; refreshing, renewing and healing us with your holiness. Then may we

live with purpose, enthusiasm, and courage, following the example of Jesus who showed us what human life is meant to be. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE A reading based on Hebrews 11

MESSAGE *By Faith*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *He Leadeth Me*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lauren, Theresa Grove, George, Mack, Davis, Dixie, Tom Kaszynski family, Sandy & Don, Geo & Marni, Melanie, Disaster victims, Pilgrim Park, Pastor Alex, Scott, Mother-in-Law, Mary Opsal, Bill Ellena family, Rusty Thies Family, Rene, Pete Sampo, Shelly, Kimberly, Kylin, Cora, Ted Davenport, Kevin Orval, Shirley Lopeman, The Fuplers, Terry Dean, Arnie & Jan Watkins, Jacob Bremann, Lexanne Jarosz & family, Elizabeth, Hugh Williams, Jack Hauser, Ray Kollar Family, Anthony, Dawn & Ron Narczewski, Jim Brown, Austin, Maxine, Shirley, Jackie, Brianna, Zimmer family, Tim P., Eric & Tina, Dale Jacobson, Paul Nave, Jeff Rietgraf, Jean Mikus, Deb Cooper, Ryan, Josie, Steve & Audrey, Jean Spayer, Cindy Harzheim, Paul Lewis, Marilyn Haslam, Bob & Holly Antkowiak.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

OFFERING

*OFFERING RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, it is through faith that we recognize you as the source of all our blessings. It is through faith, as well, that we receive and trust your promises. And so it is in faith that we bring our offerings, confident that you will use us and them to bring hope, healing and salvation to a world so in need. Amen.

***HYMN** *Trust and Obey*

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: It has been said that the devil knows our name but calls us by our sin and God knows our sin but calls us by our name. As we go forth let us listen for the voice of the one who calls us by name.

People: **We will listen for that voice and respond to that call.**

Leader: Go forth then secure in the love of God, the grace of Christ and the comfort of the Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- Lauren, for guidance at work
- George, foot surgery this week
- Theresa Grove, upcoming surgery

*If you would like to make an announcement during worship, please request a microphone. Thank you!

Please join us for fellowship refreshments today. *If you would like to provide refreshments there will be a sign-up sheet for September and October in fellowship hall soon!

The Church Council will meet tomorrow, August 18th at 7:00pm.

Thank you to Rev. Kay Harding for overseeing the bulletin each week, as well as preaching and administering Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. She is also available for emergencies and has office hours on Fridays from 10:00am-12:00pm. Her phone number is: (815)993-9220.

Thank you again to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School. If anyone, helper or family member, has pictures from the week that they are willing to share, please either email them to Pastor Kay at pkjh@juno.com or send them to her cell phone at (309)238-8221. She would like to put together a pictorial record of the week.

If you are the last person to leave the church on Sunday, please check that all the doors are locked and the lights & coffee maker are shut off.

Tune in to Pastor Alex every Sunday morning at 8:25 on 103.9 WLPO. Be sure to spread the word to your friends!

Zion Diners will be hosted by Laurie and Marty Johnson at Country House restaurant. The date is Thursday, August 21st at 6:00pm. Come and join us. It's such a nice bonding of our church family where we strengthen the ties of our Zion friends.

The Women's Guild will meet Thursday, September 4th at 1:00pm in fellowship hall. All Ladies are welcome to attend.

CREW KIDS LOCK-IN at Pilgrim Park

This year, we are kicking off Sunday School Rally Day with a Lock-in at Pilgrim Park on September 5th- 6th. Parents are welcome as well! There is a sign-up sheet circulating. Please contact Shelly Garnarz or the Church office for more information. We hope you can attend!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY IS STILL TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER **BUT...** We'll be back in the fall. We will be starting with Season 3 of "The Chosen" and invite you to join us. Don't worry that you haven't been with us as we discussed seasons 1 and 2. You can catch up by watching those seasons at your leisure: Go to BTUtv (<https://www.byutv.org>) you can set up a free account. Details to come!

Illinois Valley CROP Walk Against Hunger

Mark your calendars! The Illinois Valley CROP Walk Against Hunger will be held Sunday, September 28 at Rotary Park in La Salle. The walk begins at 1:00 p.m. Join us as we walk together to raise awareness and funds to help fight hunger locally and around the world. Whether you choose to walk, sponsor a walker, or make a donation, your participation will make a difference. Donation envelopes and sign up sheet are in the church office.

Zion UCC is once again providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the **Peru PADS homeless shelter** each month. As the summer winds down, the shelter reopened earlier this year due to a greater need than ever. Every little bit helps us provide a nutritious meal each month through May. Write a check to the church and note **"PADS Meals."** Or go online and donate through the Giving page on our website. Your donation helps provide a healthy, hearty meal to those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity and support in feeding the hungry!

The Illinois Valley Food Pantry is seeking donations to purchase their new facility. Your financial support can make a real difference! Contributions can be sent to:

Illinois Valley Food Pantry 122 Wright St. LaSalle, IL 61301

HELP WANTED! Ushers: We are building a new Ushers List. If you previously served as usher and would like to serve again, we would like to add you to the new ushers list. Previously ushers served for an entire month. Ushers now will serve when they are available to serve even for a single Sunday. You can let Larry Grosenbach know you will serve as usher or email ushers@zionperu.org to be added to the ushers list.

Evangelism: We are updating our visitor information about Zion church and will be creating a visitor packet that will contain our new updated information about Zion Church and a thank you gift or two for them visiting. If you would like to help the Evangelism Team with the visitor project you can let Pastor Alex, Jerry Koehler or email evangelism@zionperu.org.

Live Life (Pre and Post Transplant Support Group) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Zion UCC.

The Compassionate Friends Group meets at Zion every fourth Thursday at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to any parent who has lost a child. Please contact the church office for information.

Weight Watchers is meeting every Saturday morning at 8:00 here at Zion. We're happy to provide space for this worthwhile service to our community.

Tonica Church is collecting personal hygiene products to give away. Items needed include: *Bar soap *Shower gel *Shampoo Razors *Deodorant *Toothbrushes *Toothpaste *Combs or Brushes *Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions!

You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

Copies of the hymns and large print bulletins are located in the Narthex.

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Secretary	Erin Lewis
Liturgist	Arnie Watkins
Audio Technician	Jerry Koehler
Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	Erin Lewis

Attendance: August 3: In Person: 23 + 1 child
On YouTube: 8

This week:

Monday, August 18th

7:00pm Church Council meeting

Thursday, August 21st

6:00pm Zion Diners

Saturday, August 23rd

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, August 24th

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

10:15am Worship in person, also available on You Tube

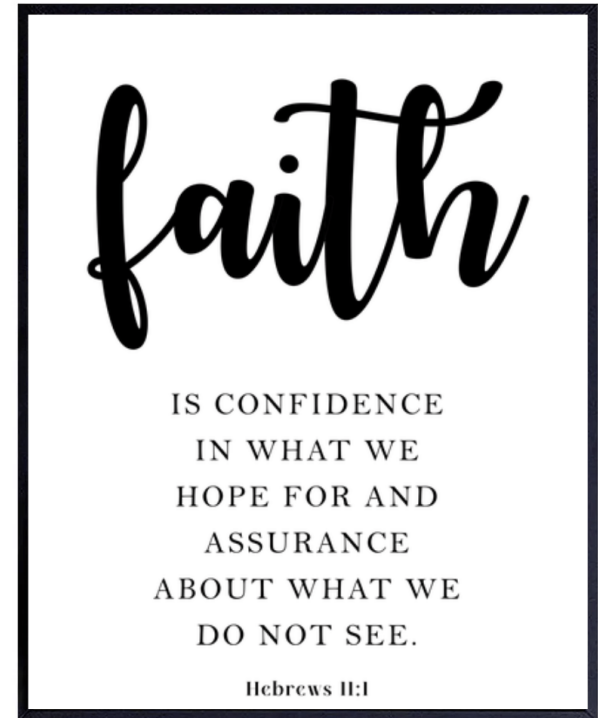
Followed by fellowship refreshments

Office Hours this week

Monday-Thursday: Closed

*Friday: 9:00am -5:00pm *

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