

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025 10:15 a.m.
(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP *Sweet Sweet Spirit*

OPENING SENTENCES

L: Sing praise to God, all the peoples!

P: Praise God who really loves us all!

L: Don't be afraid and do not doubt God's love.

P: Open our hearts, O God, and help us to receive that love.

L: Dance in joy to the spirit of God.

P: Let our spirits resound with joy at God's light of joy.

*HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*PRAYER

God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others. In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1-11

MESSAGE

HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dick & Alice Tostovarsnik, Pam Haslam, Karen, Shelly, Anthony, Arnie & Jan Watkins, Family of Larry Aldman, Orval family, Hopkins family, Shawna & Family, Dawn & Ron Narczewski, Evie Coulter, Jim Brown, Karen Kradle, Dixie Tonozzi, Austin, Maxine, Shirley, and Jackie, Brianna, Jim Greening, Pam, Audrey Clements family, Zimmer Family, Tim P., Michelle, Eric & Tina, Jackson, Rusty & Mary Thies, Dale Jacobson, Jeff, Paul Nave, Jeff Rietgraf, Jean Mikus, Deb Cooper, Kathy Radke Family, Ryan, Josie, Steve & Audrey, Carol Harris Family, Ben Vowels, Sr. Family, Priscilla Dean, Tom & Gretchen Kaszynski, Lindenmier family, The Smith Family, Art Ramey Family, Jean Spayer, Emily, Renewal Team, Cindy Harzheim, Paul Lewis, Marilyn Haslam, Bob & Holly Antkowiak.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer O Lord*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Accept our gifts, O God, because we need to give. Use our gifts to the greatest good they can accomplish. We present them in thanksgiving for all You have given us and in gratitude for the privilege of sharing in Your work. Amen.**

*HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- Alice T., for health
- Pam Haslam, for health
- California fire victims and first responders

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

Join us for fellowship refreshments after worship today.

The Church Council will meet tomorrow at 7:00pm.

Exciting Announcement: Join the CREW!

Hey Families! Get ready for an adventure because our Sunday School program, CREW, is back and better than ever! Join us every Sunday morning at 9:00AM for a fun-filled hour designed for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. At CREW, we dive into amazing stories, unleash our creativity with awesome crafts, and play exciting games that will keep everyone engaged and smiling! It's a great opportunity to make new friends, learn about faith, and have fun! Don't miss out on the fun—come join the CREW this Sunday! We can't wait to see your smiling faces! See you there!

Join Us for Bible Study!

Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 6:30 PM! Our study is based on the inspiring series *The Chosen* and is open to all adults.

This is a **hybrid event**, so you can join us **in person at the church** or **via Zoom**—whichever works best for you. This week, we'll dive into **Episode 5**, so be sure to watch it beforehand and come ready to share your questions and insights.

Let's grow in faith and community together. **See you Tuesday!**

Listen to Pastor Alex at 8:25 every Sunday morning on 103.9 **WLPO**. Tell your friends!

*Choir practice will resume Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 6:30pm. The Choir will sing during worship on Feb. 2.

The Annual Meeting has been postponed with the date to be announced.

2025 Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. If you have not been able to pick up your 2025 envelopes, use any envelope and put your name and date on it when you donate your contribution. Your envelope number will be the same as you have this year. If you have leftover 2024 envelopes, you can use one of those and write the 2025 date on it. If you are giving for more than one week, you do not have to use a separate envelope (or a separate check) for each week. You can mark the envelope for the weeks that are covered in it. Zion Church again thanks you for your continued support! Your generosity has been a blessing for the continued operation and mission of Zion.

Souper Bowl Sunday will run Jan. 26th – Feb. 9th. Everyone is asked to bring cans of soup to worship and use them to vote for the team they think will win the Super Bowl, or the team they hope will win. The Sunday after the game, those who voted for the losing team are asked to bring one can of soup for every losing vote they cast. Jim Greening also says those who voted for the winning team should bring more soup to celebrate their team's victory. All the soup will be given to the Food Pantry. So who are you going to vote for?

Kitchen Shower

The church kitchen is in need of: Bottled water-16oz, *Paper towels* (We go through A LOT of paper towels!), toilet paper, 9oz cold cups, and plastic forks. We appreciate your help in resupplying our church for Sundays and events!

Each month, Zion UCC delivers a hot, nutritious meal to the **Peru PADS** homeless shelter, supporting those in need in our community. With the increased demand, the shelter reopened

earlier this year, and your help is essential to continue this ministry through May. We invite you to make a difference by donating. Every contribution, big or small, helps us provide a hearty, healthy meal to those who need it most. To give, please write a check to the church with "PADS Meals" in the memo or donate online through the Giving page on our website. Thank you for opening your hearts to this mission of compassion!

Support Needed for Food Pantry Expansion!

The Illinois Valley Food Pantry is seeking donations as it searches for a new, larger facility to better serve those in need. A larger space will allow for the storage of additional perishable and non-perishable food items, ensuring that we can meet the increasing demand in our community.

Your financial support can make a real difference! Contributions can be sent to:

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

Together, we can work to end hunger in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

A new publication of "These Days" is now available in fellowship hall!

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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Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	Marty & Laurie Johnson

Attendance: January 5: In Person: 24 + 6 children
On YouTube: 12

This week:

Monday, January 20th

7:00pm Church Council meeting

Tuesday, January 21st

6:30pm Bible Study

Thursday, January 23rd

6:30pm Compassionate Friends Group meeting

Saturday, January 25th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, January 26th

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

9:00am CREW

9:30am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person, also available on YouTube

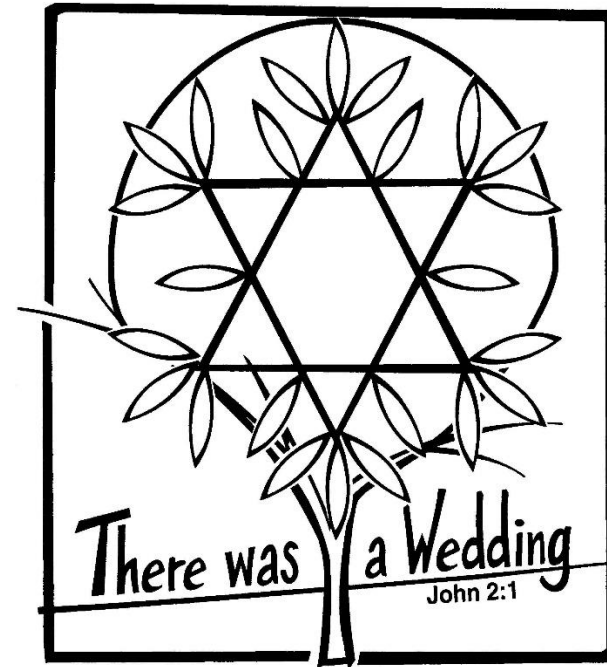
Followed by fellowship refreshments

Office Hours this week

Monday-Thursday: Closed

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

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