

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

10:15 a.m.

(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

L: Like sheep without a shepherd, we sometimes wander.

P: **But Jesus, our Good Shepherd, seeks us out and brings us home.**

L: In our busyness and distraction, we may lose our way.

P: **Yet Christ calls us to come away and find rest in Him.**

L: Though we are prone to wander, God's love never wavers.

P: **Let us turn our hearts to God and worship our faithful Shepherd.**

*OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come before you today with hearts full of gratitude and praise. We acknowledge our tendency to wander from your path, yet we are grateful for your constant love that draws us back. Open our hearts to receive your word, and grant us the wisdom to apply it in our lives. May our worship today be pleasing to you. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Redeemer. Amen.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:30-34

MESSAGE *Prone to Wander*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jim, Evie Coulter, Family of Devin, Mary Leone Family, Charles Steinberg Family, Cathy, Lindenmier family, Rusty & Mary Thies, Anne Orval, Karen Kradle, Tom & Gretchen Kaszynski, The Smith Family, Recent Accidents, Art Ramey Family, VBS, Cliff Smith, Arnie Watkins, Cheryl Grosenbach, Jean Spayer, Emily, Deb Cooper, Melissa, Renewal Team, Marissa, Victims of war, Cindy Harzheim, Dixie Tonozzi, Marilyn Haslam, Paul Lewis, Ron Narczewski, Bob & Holly Antkowiak, Bill Vlastnik.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE *For the Life That You Have Given*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Loving God, we offer these gifts as a response to your great love for us. Use them and us to further your kingdom on earth. May they be a testament to your faithfulness and a means of blessing to those in need. We dedicate them in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- Jim, for health and recovery
- Family of Devin, killed in accident
- Mary Leone family
- Evie Coulter, for health
- Family of Charles Steinberg

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

Please join us for fellowship refreshments after morning worship today.

Starting tomorrow!

Vacation Bible School "Camp Firelight- A Summer Camp Adventure with God" will be held July 22-26 Monday-Thursday 5:30pm-8:00pm & Friday 2:00pm-7:00pm

Join us for fun and fellowship at Zion UCC Camp Firelight VBS 2024! Crafts, music, science, stories, and activities. The week ends with our family celebration including the HUGE inflatable waterslide. You don't want to miss this. Invite your friends and neighbors to join in on the fun.

*****The return of the GIANT WATERSLIDE will be on Friday the 26th!*****

All youth are welcome- ages Pre-K – 8th Grade

*Adults & teens- contact Shelly Garncarz if you would like to help with VBS this summer or click on the link provided:

Registration is Open Today at:

<https://zion-ucc--peru-illinois.mycokesburyvbs.com>

Pre-registration is appreciated!

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



On **September 28th**, Zion UCC will Host 2024 Prairie Association Fall Meeting 🌿

Save the date! Zion UCC is honored to host the 2024 Fall Meeting of the Prairie Association of the United Church of Christ. This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to showcase our hospitality and connect with fellow UCC members from across the region.

We need your help to make this event a success! Volunteers are needed for:

- Set-up and take-down of tables and chairs
- Creating welcoming and directional signs
- Preparing and replenishing refreshments
- Serving lunch (catered)
- Clean-up

More details and your opportunity to sign up to help will be coming soon. Together, we'll make our guests feel warmly welcomed at Zion UCC!

Please note: Pastor Alex's vacation dates have changed. He will be on vacation beginning August 12th and return August 19th. Rev. Kay Harding will preach on August 18th and will be available for emergencies.

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.

Building & Grounds: We have several places around the church and the parsonage that need to have mulch added. Should you be willing to help please let Jerry Koehler know or email buildinggrounds@zionperu.org to let us know you are willing to help.

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.

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 *Also- they are collecting men's pants. Please bring items to donate to church and place them on the designated table in fellowship hall. Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions.

Food Pantry Seeks Donations for Expansion

The Illinois Valley Food Pantry is in need of financial support as it searches for a larger facility. The expanded space will allow the pantry to store more perishable and non-perishable foods, enabling them to better serve our community's needs.

Your monetary contributions can make a significant impact.

To donate, please send checks to:

Illinois Valley Food Pantry 122 Wright St. LaSalle, IL 61301
Together, we can help ensure no one in our community goes hungry. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 "These Days" Devotions are available in fellowship hall. *New publication available!*

Copies of the hymns & large print copies of the bulletin are available in the Narthex.

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Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	Diane Gebhardt

Attendance: Morning Worship July 14th:

In Person: 25 + 4 children

On YouTube: 10

This week:

Monday, July 22nd

5:30-8:00pm VBS

Tuesday, July 23rd

5:30-8:00pm VBS

Wednesday, July 24th

5:30-8:00pm VBS

Thursday, July 25th

6:00pm Zion Diners

Friday, July 26th

2:00-7:00pm VBS **Giant Waterslide*

Saturday, July 27th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, July 28th

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

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

Followed by Fellowship Refreshments

Office Hours-The secretary is in the office on Fridays

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

***Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm**

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