

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 27, 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 *Sweet, Sweet, Spirit*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

With thanksgiving we gather here in worship today, for we are here at God's invitation. God has called to us and said,

You are my people; I am your God. You are my people close to my heart.

Not once, but again and again, the Word is spoken. There is rejoicing over all the earth for God says,

You are my people; I am your God. You are my people close to my heart.

Let us worship with joy, thankful to be the people of God, close to God's heart.

HYMN *Great Is thy Faithfulness*

OPENING PRAYER

We gather to worship today, God, because we long to know your presence. We come seeking to experience your love, your grace, and your guidance. During our time together, strengthen our relationship with you, and with each other.

Unite us in faith and love so strong and abundant that they spill over into the world, and all our relationships, when we leave this place. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 11:1-13

MESSAGE "Teach Us to Pray"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dixie, Jyll, Tom Kaszynski family, Sandy & Don, Geo & Marni, Melanie, Disaster victims, Pilgrim Park, Pastor Alex, VBS, Scott, Mother-in-Law, Mary Opsal, Bill Ellena family, Rusty Thies Family, Dick & Alice Tostovarsnik, Rene, Theresa Grove, 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 *Spirit of the Living God*

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE *All Things Are Yours*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, often when we pray, “Thy kingdom come.” we forget that you have called us to play a part in lifting earth a little closer to heaven. Through these gifts, and our use of them, help us learn that to say, “Thy will be done,” is to offer all that we have and all that we are for your purposes. Amen.

*HYMN *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*

BENEDICTION

L: Let us remember we are called to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order to proclaim the mighty acts of God who called us out of darkness into marvelous light.

P: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

L: Receive the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and go forth proclaiming the good news to all.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Tom Kaszynski.
- Dixie Tonozzi, for health
- Jyll Janz, for health
- Carol Krause’s friend Scott and Mother-in-Law
- Pilgrim Park
- Pastor Alex while on sabbatical

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

Join us after worship for fellowship refreshments. *If you would like to sign up to provide refreshments there is a sign up sheet in fellowship hall. *August 3 & August 10 are available!*

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.

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.

Vacation Bible School Begins Tomorrow!

JOIN THE CREATOR’S CREW: SHARE IN THE ADVENTURE OF CARING FOR GOD’S EARTH with special guest speakers, games, crafts, music and more. **Special VBS Highlight:**

The Northern Illinois Raptor Center will be our guest speakers for Tuesday night, July 29. They will be bringing an eagle, an owl and a hawk as well as numerous displays. The program will be open to the public. This is an excellent community outreach opportunity for our congregation, so please plan to attend and invite your family, friends and neighbors. See bulletin insert for QR code to register

online. Paper registration forms are available on the community table in fellowship hall.

We Are Still Looking for Volunteers for Vacation Bible School this week: July 28-August 1. We will need Group Leaders for Crafts and Games, as well as people to provide snacks. There will be lots of fun and special activities. A sign up sheet with a brief job description is available in fellowship hall. Full job descriptions will be provided when you sign up. Contact Pastor Kay or Lauren with any questions.

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

Please note the church office hours this week: Friday: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Anyone who would like to do special music on Sundays in August should contact Jim Greening at (815) 228-0459.

Zion Diners met Thursday July 17 at Garzanelli's in Oglesby with 16 attending. Mary Thies was the host. Next month will be hosted by Laurie and Marty Johnson at a place of their choosing which will be announced. 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 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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| Ministers | Members of the Congregation |
| Pastor | Pastor Alex Garncarz |
| Today's Speaker | George Garncarz |
| Organist | Jim Greening |
| Secretary | Erin Lewis |
| Liturgist | Marcia Brown |
| Audio Technician | Jerry Koehler |
| Video Technician | Rhonda Essl |
| Song Leader | Dave Jacobson |
| Fellowship | Phyllis Bender & Lois Wilmot |

Attendance: July 20: In Person: 31 + 5 children
 On YouTube: 8

This week:

Monday, July 28th

5:30- 7:45pm VBS

Tuesday, July 29th

5:30- 7:45pm VBS Northern Illinois Raptor program

Wednesday, July 30th

5:30- 7:45pm VBS

Thursday, July 31st

5:30- 7:45pm VBS

Friday, August 1st

2:00- 7:00pm VBS Family Picnic & waterslide

Saturday, August 2nd

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, August 3rd

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

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

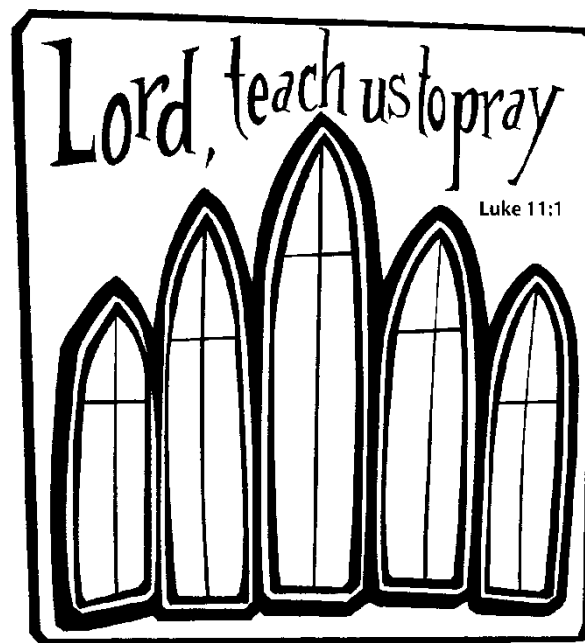
Followed by fellowship refreshments

Office Hours this week

Monday-Thursday: Closed

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

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