

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

10:15 a.m.

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

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### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP *All Are Welcome*

### WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

L: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

**P: We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.**

L: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

**P: Bring us to the time of healing.**

L: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

**P: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence.**

\*HYMN *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less* 405

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, we come into your presence this morning with the busy schedules of summer activities crowding our lives. Our souls need to be fed and yet we seem powerless to find nurture and feeding that will sustain us. Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts this day to hear your words of hope and healing for us. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

## GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING John 6:1-14

MESSAGE *We Can't Afford It*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be* 466

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Kevin & Anne Orval, Tom & Gretchen Kaszynski, Jim, Evie Coulter, Family of Devin, Mary Leone Family, Cathy, Lindenmier family, Rusty & Mary Thies, Karen Kradle, The Smith Family, Recent Accidents, Art Ramey Family, 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* 492

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE *Doxology* 551 red

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION By your grace, O God, you have provided abundantly for us. May these offerings from that abundance bring forth fullness of life for your children here and around the world, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 72

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## **Announcements**

### **New Prayer Requests**

-Kevin, for health.

\*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.

**Thank you** to all who participated at VBS this past week!!

The kids (and adults) had a great time learning about God at Camp Firelight!

Mark your calendars- Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**CREW** will begin on Sunday School Rally Day- We hope to see you!

**The Renewal Leadership Team** will meet tomorrow at 6:00pm.

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

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

### **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.



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!

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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.

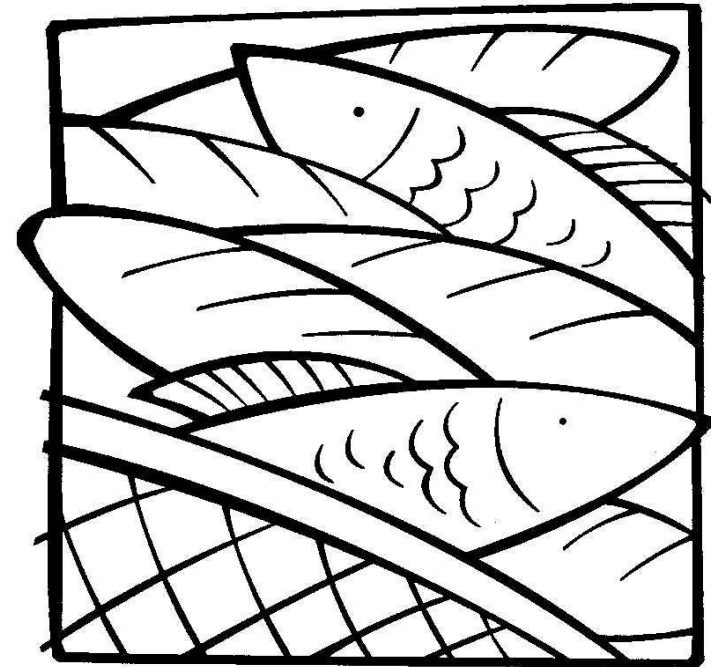
### **You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954**

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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**A boy had five loaves and two fish**

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Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	Phyllis Bender

**Attendance:** Morning Worship July 21<sup>st</sup>:

In Person: 28 + 4 children

On YouTube: 7

**This week:**

Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Renewal Team Meeting

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

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-5:00pm

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