

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 31, 2022 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 *All Are Welcome V.1*

OPENING SENTENCES Based on Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

L: How I love your Temple, Lord Almighty. My soul longs to be in your presence.

P: **I want to be in the courts of the Lord, and with my whole being to sing for joy to the living God.**

L: All your creation longs for your presence. Even the birds build their nests close to your altars.

P: **How happy are those who dwell in your house, always singing your praise.**

L: One day spent in your temple is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather wait in the gates of the temple than rest in the most splendid houses of the wicked.

P: **For the Lord is our protector, our provider and king, who blesses us with kindness and honor.**

L: God does not refuse any good thing to those who walk in the paths of righteousness.

P: **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord!**

\*HYMN *When Morning Guilds the Skies*

\*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 that they spill over into the world, and all our relationships, when we leave this place. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

### GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READINGS Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

MESSAGE *The Abundance Gospel*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rusty Thies, Bill Vlastnik, Flood & fire victims, Carter, David Brackman, The Crosby Family, Kathy Radtke, Bill & Shirley Janz, Family of Jack Hamilton, Sherri Bokholtz, Ron Narczewski, Tom, Kevin Orval, Jace, Alice Guenther, Family of John Tonozzi, Unspoken, Marian Benedict, Jack & Patty Antkowiak, Colton Schultz, Ayden Arnold, Dixie Tonozzi, family of Carol Thorson, people of Ukraine, Amy Rogel, Paul Lewis, Terri Short, Mike Schoening, Mary Fiedler, Jean Spayer, Lori Rynke's mother and brother, Marty Johnson, Joe Rogel, Ron Hudkins, Lisa K., Mrs. Lucas.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Holy God, because we know that we have freely received and are called to give freely in response, we offer you these gifts. Because we understand that we have been blessed in order that we might be blessings, we offer you ourselves. And because we have been moved and inspired by your love shown to us, we dedicated these gifts and ourselves to the purpose of sharing your love with others. This we do and say in Jesus's name. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Sent forth By God's Blessing*

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

L: Go from this place with joy, giving thanks to God, proclaiming God's goodness, celebrating God's love, serving God with your lives.

P: **For the Lord our God, is faithful to a thousand generations.**

L: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and among you now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Announcements

### New Prayer Requests

- Rusty Thies, for health
- Bill Vlastnik, for health
- Flood & fire victims

**The Altar Flowers** today are in memory of Jack Hamilton, from Karen Kradle, Candie Zelenak, and Jim Greening.

Pastor Alex is on vacation until Saturday, August 6. Thank you to Rev. Kay Harding for filling in for him today and being available for emergencies this week. If needed, her phone number is: (815)993-9220

**Thank you** to everyone: construction crews, group leaders, story tellers, craft, science and recreation leaders, and snack preparers, who helped with Vacation Bible School this past week and to all the kids who attended. We had a great time at North Castle and on our quests to find the armor of God. **Very special thanks** go to Shelly Garncarz for who did a wonderful job as director.

**CREW (Creative Rejoicing in Early Worship)** Crew will start up again September 11<sup>th</sup> *See you then*

**The Board of Christian Education** needs volunteers for Sunday School beginning again in September. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities to serve, please contact the church office.

**Pastor Alex is on the radio!** At 8:25 every Sunday morning he will be on the air on WLPO 103.9 FM to share a five minute talk. This should be a good tool to get the word out to our community. Pastor has often said that Zion is the best kept secret in the Illinois Valley. Let's change that! Listen in when you can and let your friends know.

### ***Join us for Coffee Fellowship today!***

If you would like to sign up to provide coffee fellowship on Sundays there is a sign up sheet in fellowship hall, or contact the church office. You will pick the dates you would like to volunteer. *\*We have openings at the end of August!*

### ***Mark Your Calendars...***

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** will be worship and lunch at Pilgrim Park. Details will be announced.

**On October 9th we will be celebrating Zion's 170th Anniversary!** It's going to be a special day for our family and friends. Stay tuned for more information to come.

### **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).

\*Extra copies of the hymns are available in the Narthex.

**"These Days"** Daily Devotions are available in Fellowship Hall. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

***We are no longer collecting plastic lids & caps.*** Thank you to all who donated.

**The Outdoor Ministries Fundraiser:** Your gift is not "just" a donation, it is a prayerful statement to help change someone's life. You can donate directly to:

<https://outdoorministries.campbraingiving.com>

A local **Grief Support Group** for adults meets each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at St. Margaret's Health, 1305 6<sup>th</sup> St. Peru. The meetings are at 6:00pm and all are welcome to attend. Please call 815/780-4618 or email [joan.fernandez@ivch.org](mailto:joan.fernandez@ivch.org) for more information.

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Organist Secretary Liturgist Fellowship	Jim Greening Erin Lewis Arnie Watkins Larry & Cheryl Grosenbach

**This Week:**

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

10:15am Worship in person or on YouTube

Fellowship Refreshments following worship

Office Hours

Monday: Closed

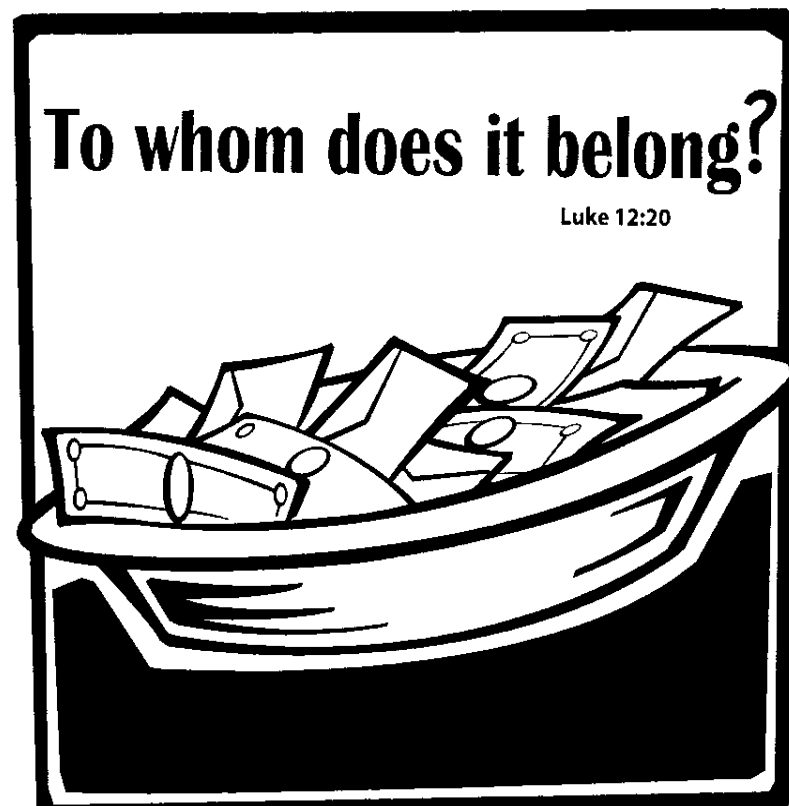
Tuesday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

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