

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
July 6, 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

There is one God who makes all things and for whom we live.

One God!

Our one Lord who embraces all persons with saving grace is Jesus Christ.

One Lord!

The same Spirit calls each of us into Christ's church and gives each of us gifts.

One Spirit!

By the one Spirit we are all baptized into the one Body.

One Baptism!

We are the Body of Christ.

One Body!

One hope is held out to us: hope of the resurrection.

One Hope!

All these things binds us together in one faith.

One Faith!

We are the church.

Praise be to God for all that unite us in the family of faith!

*HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

OPENING PRAYER **Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us into being and breathed into us the breath of life. We gather eager to be touched by your spirit and hungry for the bread of life with which you feed us. May Jesus' promise that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, he will be in the midst of them, be fulfilled in us as we worship. May we leave this place filled with your love and eager to share it with all the world. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 9:1-6
Romans 12:4-8

MESSAGE *Two By Two and Many More*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *You Call Us Lord*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE VBS, 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, Christine Butler family, Jimmy Springer family, Dixie, Jacob Bremann, Lexanne Jarosz & family, Elizabeth, Rich Rynke family, Hugh Williams, Jack Hauser, Ray Kollar Family, Anthony, Hopkins family, 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, Tom & Gretchen Kaszynski, 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

*RESPONSE *All Things Are Yours*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **We offer our gifts, gracious God, with hearts full of thanksgiving for the gifts you have given us through your son, Jesus. As we prepare to gather at His table to remember his life, his teachings, his death and resurrection, grant that we may be filled with his spirit and be made better able to live and serve in his name. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

... With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Prayer

Acclamation of Faith

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Receiving the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Thank you God for inviting us to this table where we know Christ and receive all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us out into the world rejoicing in your love and grace. Amen.**

*HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

COMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

L: St. Teresa of Avila wrote, "Christ has no body but yours; no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

P: Christ has no body now on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good, the hands with which he blesses the world. We are the body of Christ.

L: Go then, and serve joyfully in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

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

We will not be having fellowship refreshments today. *If you would like to sign up to provide refreshments there is a sign up sheet in fellowship hall. *There are still dates open in July & August!*

Thank you to Rev. Kay Harding for preaching and administering Holy Communion on the first Sunday in July and August. 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. If you have any questions, please call a church council member or Rev. Harding.

Zion Diners will meet next on Thursday, July 17th at 6:00pm. Your host is Mary Thies and the restaurant will be announced soon.

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

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

Save the date for VBS: July 28 - August 1

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 Looking for Volunteers for Vacation Bible School the week of 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.

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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Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson

Attendance: June 29: In Person: 38+ 0 children
On YouTube: 7

This week:

Saturday, July 12th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, July 13th

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 -5:00pm *

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