

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 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: In this land of freedom and beauty, let us give thanks to God.

P: **Let us praise the Holy One who created the blue lakes and grassy prairies, the vast desert lands, and the breathtaking mountains of our homeland.**

L: Let us unite in worship of the Creator who formed all lands and all people,

P: **And who declared without hesitation, "It is good."**

L: Come, let us worship God.

All: **Everlasting God, we give you thanks for the many blessings of our country; its beauty, its bounty, and its freedoms. We thank you especially for our freedom to worship. Be with us, guiding us by your Holy Spirit, as we worship today, so that we will go forth better citizens of our country, and more importantly, of your kingdom. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

America The Beautiful

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and direct

what we will be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

MESSAGE

Weakness Becomes Strength

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

As We Gather At Your Table

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Smith Family, Our Nation, Wisconsin tornado victims, the homeless, Shelly, Zimmer Family, Karen Kradle, Tom & Gretchen Kaszynski, Art Ramey Family, VBS, Ivan Fupler Family, Anne Orval, Mariela Coss family, Joan Hammitt family, Austin Egbert Family, John Kent Family, Kathy Radtke, Bob Clemmenn, Cliff Smith, Rusty & Mary Thies, Arnie Watkins, Willis Dane Family, Eleanor Johnson Family, Joe Smith, Cheryl Grosenbach, Jean Spayer, Dinelle Freschi and Family, Darrell White, Emily, Leslie Grigsby family & friends, Bonnie Bird family, Deb Cooper, Melissa, Renewal Team, Mary Fiedler Family, Marissa, Victims of war, Cindy Harzheim, Estrella, Gary Splittstoesser family, Dixie Tonozzi, Doug Jakse, 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 **We offer these gifts with confidence that You will make them a blessing for others. As You receive these offerings, multiply them. We offer our**

lives in trust that you will make us a blessing for others. Receive our time and talents and guide us as we seek to give ourselves to the work of the kingdom. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

...With faithful people in every time and place we say,
"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."

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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 your work. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*HYMN *Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ*

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests:

- The Smith Family in Indiana (Dixie's relatives)
- Our Nation

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

Please note: We will not be having fellowship refreshments after morning worship today.

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>

Summer Camps are open for registration!

<https://outdoorministries.campbrainregistration.com/>

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

Zion Diners met June 20 at Verucchis with 20 attending. Lots of good food and laughs. Jyll was host. The Thursday, July 18 Diners will be hosted by Randy Fouth. The restaurant will be announced soon!

A Special Thank You: Zion Women's Guild had a very successful Ice Cream Social thanks mainly to ALL that helped. We have an awesome group of church family who pitch in to make our efforts a success. Our men are our strength who do the heavy work. Our women work very hard at setting up, preparing the kitchen and dining room, organizing the food, serving it, and the massive cleanup. We have an advertising group that makes signs and posters and contacts radio and banks to promote our event. Our church family makes and donates the delicious cakes pies and BBQ. Our youth joyfully help with many tasks. Our president works hard at planning and purchasing all we need. It's a very involved process and we want to thank Mary for that. So you see it's a group effort with each and every person having an important part in our success.
THANKS TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.

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.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church on the Hill Family of Faith Celebrating 175 years as a congregation: Special Organ Concert by former member, John Linker, Music Director at Christ Church

Transitional Cathedral, New Zealand to be held on July 14th 2024 at 1:30pm at the church 151199 2825 E Street, Princeton, IL- Refreshments served afterward. Freewill charitable offering.

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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Liturgist	Shelly Garncarz
Audio Technician	Jerry Koehler
Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson

Attendance:

Morning Worship June 30-
In Person: 31 + 5 children
On YouTube: 4

This week:

Monday, July 8th

6:30pm Live Life Group

Saturday, July 13th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, July 14th

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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